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PARIS, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1987

Senators Hold Up Iran Report



President Ronald Reagan and his wife waved from his hospital window on Tuesday. He said he was "feeling fine."

President

Recovering

'Very Well'

WASHINGTON - President

Ronald Reagan is recovering "very

well" from his prostate surgery and the final laboratory tests of the tis-

sue taken during the operation showed no signs of malignancy, his

to check for the possible recurrence

He said that results of that ex-

The president is recovering very

well from the surgical procedure," Dr. Hutton said. "The final results

of the tissue removed during yester-

day's transurethral resection are in.

and show the tissue to be benign."

Mr. Reagan "feels good and has not complained of any pain," Dr.

Hutton said. The doctor said that

in the normal range and are stable

esume a limited schedule in the White House next week and then

gradually increase his activities.

Physicians say a full recovery from

such surgery may take as long as six

Larry Speakes, said the president

met Tuesday morning with his new

national security adviser, Frank C.

Carlucci, and with chief of staff

Donald T. Regan, the spokesman

By David Hoffman

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — President

Ronald Reagan has sent Congress

a 1988 budget that offers no politi-

cal resolution of the deficit crisis.

Instead, he presented another ver-

sion of the fiscal plans he has sub-

mitted in recent years, all of which Congress has fundamentally re-

With his political capital deplet-

ed by the Iran arms affair, and the

clock running on the last quarter of his term, Mr. Reagan chose to sub-

mit a budget that protects his long-

standing priorities of lower person-

al tax rates and a military buildup.

He acknowledged in his budget

message that the deficit was a "ma-

jor threat" to the economy, but his

package to attack it is modest by past standards. This budget meets

The White Hoose spokesn

Wednesday.

LATE NEWS U.S. Will Sell

Radar to China WASHINGTON (Reuters)

The Defense Department ed Tuesday that China will buy \$62 million worth of

U.S. made military radar and taggo edinibineur The department said Beijing would buy the equipment from Hughes Aircraft Company, which is a division of General

Motors Corp.

The move follows the U.S. sale of \$550 million of advanced fighter jet electronics to Chine late last year and the visit by three U.S. Navy ships and 900 sailors to Qingdao in No-

wember.
Defense Secretary Caspar W.
Weinberger visited China in

Chara became eligible to buy U.S. defensive equipment in 1984 under provisions of the U.S. Foreign Military Sales

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Richard G. Lugar retains the top Republican job on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, thwarting a challenge by Jesse Helms. Page 3.

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🗷 Argentine human rights groups plan to file many new charges against the security

III Paris is meighing its response to Libya's recent air attack in Chart Page 5

Charter 77, the Czechoslovak human rights group, appealed for more democracy. Page 6. BUSINESS/FINANCE

E Bank America directors unanimously rejected a \$3.2 billion merger proposal from First Interstate Bancorp. Page 7. Hill Sammel Group's share prices rose again on speculation of a takeover-bid for the British banking group.

By Celestine Bohlen

Washington Post Service
MOSCOW — The minister of

internal affairs has declared a Sovi-

d-style "war on drugs."
The struggle against drug addiction and the criminal activities

that go with it have moved up to

become one of the top-priority

tasks of the internal forces," the

in an interview in Pravda.

mister, Alexander V. Viasov, said

The Soviet Union said last spring

that it had a drug problem. Cau-

tously at first, then in a full-blown

campaign the official media in-

formed the nation about its opium

growers, drug pushers and youthful

Mr. Vlasov's comments indicate

that the Soviet authorities are put-

ing more emphasis on enforce-ment than on treatment.

Soviet Union Declares 'War on Drugs'

illegal activities with narcotics and by the real threat to their own refused voluntary treatment are to health and the health of those be "re-educated" in centers run by sources said. around them." The struggle against drugs, he such centers would indicate that

office.

said, differs from the campaign against alcoholism, a far more widespread social ill that has become a top target of Mikhail S. this round of the debate. Gorbachev.

"Drug addiction has closer ties to criminal behavior than alcoholism," Mr. Vlasov said. He disclosed for the first time the number of registered drug addicts

in the Soviet Union: 46,000. (The U.S. government believes about 500,000 Americans are addicted to heroin, although millions are believed to use drugs occasion-

Listing elements of the anti-drug campaign, Mr. Vlasov said that local and national drug squads were proach amounted to prosecuting an being expanded, given better equipment and becoming better cosought instead to punish "those guilty of making the punish ilty of making themselves ill and were being trained and that a new of becoming a danger to society, by
their lifestyle and behavior, by their

"I'm not sure a great, huge fiscal the deficit goal of \$108 billion spec-ifix is feasible anymore," said a se-ified by the budget-balancing law nior administration official, recall-

> the police, he said. A reliance on experts who have argued that drug abusers should be treated like patients, not criminals, may have lost

> Soviet criminal penalties against drug use are tough. The sentence for the preparation, acquisition, possession or distribution of drugs is up to 10 years in prison, according to a magazine article last month. A person offering a hashish cigarette to a friend can be jailed for up to five years.

> Still, Mr. Vlasov and others have noted that the campaign against drugs is far from being well equipped. Some critics have complained that, despite the recent publicity, the public is not alert to the danger.
> Although recommendations on

preventing drug abuse have been distributed to schools, not one teacher surveyed recently by a See DRUGS, Page 2

Democrats Seek A Wider Inquiry Into Arms Sales

By Bob Woodward

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — In an outbreak of partisan disagreement in Congress over the Iranian arms af-fair, the Senate intelligence committee voted 7-6 not to release a staff report on the panel's investi-gation into the affair.

According to a source close to the investigation, the 16-page re-port said that the committee's inquiry had produced no evidence that President Rocald Reagan was aware of the plan attributed to Lieutenant Colonel Oliver L. North, a Marine Corps officer working on the staff of the National Security Council, to use the arms sales to Iran to generate money for the Nicaraguan rebels.

The decision was made by the Republican-controlled panel that was sitting in the previous Con-

gress.
One Republican, Senator William S. Cohen of Maine, joined the committee's six Democrats in vot-

ing not to issue the report.

The ranking Democrat on the intelligence panel in the 99th Congress, Senator Patrick J. Leahy, Democrat of Vermont, said Monday that the staff report was "inaccurate and incomplete." It failed to explain, he said, why arms were traded to Iran or who in the Reagan administration knew that funds from those sales went to the Nicaraguan rebels, known as con-

doctor said Tuesday.

Mr. Reagan was scheduled for another test later Tuesday, a com-But the committee chairman puterized, three-dimensional X-ray David F. Durenberger, Republican of Minnesota, disagreed. "The whole report is an embarrassment to the administration," he said after Monday evening's committee of cancer, Dr. John Hutton said in a statement released by the White vote. "And yet it was the president who wanted to get the facts out." amination would be available

In a statement after the vote, the White House spokesman, Larry Speakes, said: "We are outraged and disappointed. We think the American people have the right to have this information and judge for themselves. The president will continue to do everything he can to see that all the facts come out as quickly as possible."

Mr. Reagan's vital signs were "all The administration and Senator Bob Dole, Republican of Kansas, the outgoing majority leader, had called on the panel to make the

The new Senate majority leader, Robert C. Byrd, Democrat of West report "would be jumping the gun recent student demonstrations. and it would not be in the public

A proposal by Mr. Byrd on furvestigation of the affair, See INQUIRY, Page 2

Reagan's Lost Hope: Cutting Deficit

coming up with revenue-raising proposals criticized by outsiders as

Last year, some Reagan policy

makers anticipated that the presi-

NEWS ANALYSIS

dent would use his immense politi-

cal strength in 1987 to complete the unfinished business of his presi-

federal debt that threatens to be-

come a lasting legacy of his years in

however, that such a final drive

may now be beyond the president's

These officials said Monday,

one time gimmicks.

Once Again, Congress Is Likely to Write Its Own Budget



Parisians waited for a bus Tuesday in front of the Gare Saint-Lazare as transit employees walked out while railroad workers continued striking. Power service was also disrupted.

Shift by Deng Is Cited as Beijing Takes Tougher Line on Protests

BEUING - China's most an thoritative newspaper adopted Tuesday a harder line on student unrest, blaming unnamed Communist Party officials for failing to fight the spread of Western democratic ideas

Diplomats said-that an editorial munist Party newspaper, marked a shift by Deng Xiaoping China's paramount leader, and his colleagues closer to the tough line tak-Virginia, said that to release the en by "conservative" critics of the

The diplomats said Mr. Deng interest because the American peo- and his colleagues were now likely ple would be left with a picture that to halt the free-wheeling discussion is not complete." cultural, economic and political ideas, which the Communist Party had encouraged last spring.

The official said, "I think we

have a changed environment," in

which Mr. Reagan is facing a Dem-ocratic-controlled Congress for the

first time and is still mired in the

In the last two years, the presi-

dent and Congress deadlocked over

priorities. The outcome was that

president's military budget in order to reach the new budget law's tar-

gets. The deficit did begin to de-cline somewhat, but this cost the

president dearly in terms of dam-

Now Mr. Reagan appears to be

setting up a repeat performance, in which Congress is again left to

write its own proposal. The struc-

tural, or long-term, deficit proba-

bly will persist into the next presi-

Dispirited congressional Repub-

licans are likely to go their own way

rather than follow the lead of the

White House. Republicans in the

House of Representatives may not

age to his priorities.

enacted last year, but it does so ing earlier attempts by Mr. Reagan

largely by resurrecting proposals and Congress to strike a deal over killed by Congress before or by spending and taxes.

Iran affair.

At the same time, they said, Mr. Deng appears determined to push ahead with the economic changes that he initiated and that have from time to time come under attack from the conservative side.

When student demonstrators first took to the streets four weeks ago to call for freedom and democracy, the authorities seemed to take in People's Daily, the leading Com- a conciliatory position. They have tried both conciliation and threats

voice, government and party officials seemed to indicate that they were divided. On Dec. 30, a education commission official speaking at a press conference took a largely moderate line, describing the student demonstrators as mostly young and inexperienced.

But the tone of Tuesday's editorial was harsher, asking, "Since bourgeois liberalization is poisoning our youth, harmful to our sta-bility and unity, and disrupting our open policy, reform and modernization drive, should we ignore it?"

In a resolution adopted in September, the Central Committee defined "bourgeois liberalization" as the idea of "negating the socialist system in favor of capitalism."

m and that "come of By speaking with more than one our comrades have turned a blind eye to all this."

It added, "Now it's time for them to wake up."

Few of the student protesters have talked about capitalism, but many clearly admire Western democratic ideas and have advocated freedom of the press.

Many of the students are also See CHINA, Page 2

Growing Strikes Disrupt Utilities, Paris Transport

Chirac Vows To Maintain Wage Policy

By Julian Nundy

PARIS - French public sector strikes disrupted transport and power supplies Tuesday as Prime Minister Jacques Chirac realfirmed his determination to pursue antiinflationary economic policies.

After a rare full meeting of all his 41 ministers, the Gaullist prime minister said that his government was "absolutely unanimous" in its

The French franc threw European Monetary System currencies into turmoil. Page 9. Behind the strife: Chirac tries to change the system. Page 6.

determination to keep prices, and therefore wages, down despite the

Tuesday's stoppages added to a rail strike that is almost three weeks

Members of the Communist-led General Confederation of Labor, or CGT, had called on members throughout the public sector to stage a one-day strike Tuesday.

Paris bus and Métro drivers, who have staged intermittent stoppages since just before Christmas, were joined by workers at France's stateowned gas and electricity utilities. The Paris transport authority said that about half the Metro trains were running and that two-thirds of the buses were operating.

The electricity company, Electricité de France, reported power cuts of up to three hours in some parts of Paris and in Normandy, northwest of the capital.

Traffic signals were blacked out in the Montparnasse district of Paris, adding to the confusion already caused by the transport People's Daily said that some strikes. Sporadic strikes hit mail people wanted to lead China to- sorting offices and the country's

Mr. Chirac said after meeting with his ministers: "The government will not deviate from its policies because it would be irresponsi-

ble to do so." In a radio interview later, he add-

ed: "There is no possible policy of

recovery without a social reaction. Mr. Chirac said that he had told his ministers that the government's See FRANCE, Page 2



U.S. Bank, **Warns Others**

The Associated Press

BRASILIA — The Brazilian government said Tuesday that it had expelled Mellon Bank, of the United States, and officials warned that other foreign banks may be ordered to leave unless they "collaborate" to renegotiate the country's foreign debt of around \$103

Officials of Brazil's central bank said that Mellon had been told to leave in December because it had refused to sign a debt-rescheduling plan negotiated with other banks

"We felt that a bank that wanted only to enjoy the filet mignon here but didn't want to collaborate to reschedule the debt could not continue in the country," said a central bank spokesman, Reynaldo Fer-

"Other banks that do not collaborate could be in the same situation." Mr. Ferreira said. He declined to name specific banks.

Brazil's foreign debt, the largest in the Third World, includes about

\$23 billion owed to U.S. banks. [Melion's refusal also was criticized by senior bankers on Brazil's advisory committee as a potentially

dangerous precedent because it could sour the atmosphere of upcoming debt-rescheduling talks, Reuters reported. ["There is a moral if not a legal

obligation to keep up trade lines," a New York banker said in São Pau-

Mellon Bank is a division of Mellon Bank Corp. of Pittsburgh, the 13th-largest U.S. bank holding company, with about \$35 billion in assets. It had only a representative office in Rio de Janeiro and did not operate commercially in Brazil, Mr. Ferreira said.

The conflict between Brazil and Mellon arose during debt renegoti-ations in March, when a general agreement was reached to reduce the interest rate on the \$16.5 billion of debt that was to fall due in 1985 and 1986 and to renew trade and interbank credits of about \$15.5

Mellon Bank reportedly refused to endorse the roll over of about \$150 million in short-term debts owed to it by Brazil.

Mr. Ferreira said that Mellon Bank "had not done well in the international area here and had expressed a desire to leave" even before its expulsion.

"We'd like to think Mellon was an isolated case. Other banks have shown good will in debt negotia-tions," he said.

SOWETO SQUATTERS MOVE ON — A South African girl holds on to some of the belongings she was able to salvage from her family's shack in the Mshenguville squatter camp before the Soweto Council police demolished it and about 50 others in the latest of the periodic sweeps through the squatters in the black township near Johannesbsurg.

even offer an alternative to the "This budget is going to make

Reagan look weaker, accelerate the lame-duckery." said a former White House budger economist, Lawrence A. Kudlow, now chief economist for Bear Stearns & Co. "In the past, there was always the view that Congress would have to come back to the White House and work out a deal. What strikes me is that Congress may not have to come back and work out a deal this

Speaking of the former and current directors of the White House Office of Management and Budget, Mr. Kudlow said: "If David Stockman couldn't get a majority of program cuts in 1985 after Reagan won 49 states, how is Jim Miller going to get even watered-down cuts in 1987 after a decisive Senate See BUDGET, Page 2

Details of President Reagan's 1988 budget proposal. Page 3.



Syria Alawites: Underclass to Ruling Class

tain range that is the home of the Alawites, the

once impoverished and despised minority sect

that now rules this country with an iron hand.

toothless, their skin horribly winkled, with worn, shabby peasant clothes," said a Western

diplomat, recalling a recent visit here. "Then

you saw the young men, tall and strong from a

"The old men on the street were bent over,

New York Times Service

QARDAHA, Syria - From the coastal road below Latakia, a four-lane highway suddenly materializes, climbing up to this tiny mountain village, and then just as suddenly peters out.

The village is not much to look at: A single main street of low, stone shops on a rise in the rocky, barren hills. But near the only gas station there is an imposing abstract monument with a bas-relief of the flag of the ruling Ba'ath Arab Socialist Party thrust into a map of the Arab world with Syria at its heart.

yellow wall, guarded by troops of an elite unit, stands the opulent palace of Qardaha's favorite son, President Hafez al-Assad A large communications disk is going up atop a new building and all over these hills

there is the flush of construction and prosperi-

good diet, wearing their uniforms, sharply tai-lored, chatting with the girls with the easy "There it was in a nutshell," he said, "From A couple of blocks away, behind a high

underclass to ruling class in a single genera-In the Middle East, from the time of the Ottomans and before, government has been for

the benefit of the governors. Ideological and class interests in this part of the world nearly

always have historical roots in religious differences. Even so, the tale of the Alawites of Svria is a remarkable success story.

The Alawites, between 11 and 13 percent of Syria's roughly 10 million people, are distinguished as a social class by their religious beliefs, regarded by orthodox Moslems as hereti-

The origins of the sect are lost in tribal history, but it clearly draws on both pagan traditions and Christian ritual as well as a neavy overlay of the Shiite branch of Islam.

The most important tenet of the Alawite faith is that Ali, the son-in-law of the Propher Mohammed, is divine, God assuming a human form, somewhat along the lines of Jesus in Christianity. This is in direct conflict with the standard Moslem injunction that "there is no

See ALAWITE, Page 2

By Juan de Onis

BUENOS AIRES — Thousands of new accusations of human rights violations by Argentine security forces will be filed in federal courts before the deadline for prosecutions imposed by a new law, leaders

of Argentine human rights organi-zations said Tuesday.

Emilio Mignone, who heads the Center for Legal and Social Stud-ies, a legal office serving the human rights groups, said that the groups have prepared thousands of cases and will submit them Thursday to civilian courts that have jurisdiction over the cases.

"The federal courts may not have time to consider all the cases before the deadline expires" on Feb. 27, "but we think there will be grounds for hundreds of prosecutions," Mr. Mignone said.

Mr. Mignone said that if the courts accepted the evidence presented as a basis for trying the accused, the trials could take place beyond the termination date for the presentation of new charges.

Leaders of Argentina's human

rights organizations and the opposition Peronist Party held street marches last month to protest the amnesty law adopted by Congress last month and signed by President Raúl Alfonsin on Dec. 26.

After a two-month period, the law forbids new charges against the military for crimes committed in the 1970s during the so-called "dirty war" against leftist guerrilla

Human rights groups have documented the disappearance of 9,000 prisoners taken by the military during the conflict. In many cases,

Mr. Alfonsin, who submitted the bill to Congress, argued that the armed forces could not be subjected to an endless process of investigations and trials without being demoralized and losing their

The federal courts have sentenced 10 senior army, navy, air force and police officers to prison

the federal civilian courts because the military court system ruled on only one of 1,800 cases that were presented by a special commission set up by the Alfonsia government.

In that case, a navy lieutenant, Adolfo Astiz, was absolved in the killing of an 18-year-old Danish woman who died after being arrested in a military anti-subversive op-eration in 1977.

Two former presidents of the juntas that ruled Argentina after the military seized power in 1976, Jorge Videla and Emilio Massera, have been sentenced to life imprisonment. The sentences were confirmed by the Supreme Court last

The new cases that are to be submitted to the courts involve mainly middle-ranking officers and policemen accused of murder, torture, rape and theft. Some of the cases involve personnel who are still on active duty.

Among the major cases for which charges already have been filed are those against General Lu-ciano Menendez and other officers in the 3d Army with headquarters in Cordoba, where thousands of persons are missing and many others have been found in mass graves.

ALAWITE: Syria's Ruling Class

(Continued from Page 1) God but Allah, and Mohammed is

Ali was, Alawites believe, the seventh such manifestation of God, who each time was assisted by two men, forming a divine triad. A virtuous Alawite will be reborn after death as a star. One who is not will be reincarnated as a Moslem, Jew or Christian to try to get to be an Alawite again, but after seven lives, will become a star in any case.

Persecuted for their beliefs, the Alawites, like the Maronite Catholics of Lebanon, withdrew to more easily defensible mountaintops. They are found only there, working as tenant farmers on the plains below or in a few scattered settlements in nearby areas of Turkey

A rural people in an urban, trading society, Alawites were scorned and sometimes stoned when they came to town. Some became house servants of the wealthy Sunni Moslem merchants of Damascus, Aleppo, Hama and Homs.

What changed things for the Alawites were two institutions: the Ba'ath Party and the Syrian Army. Ba'athism, a radical, pan-Arab ideology spreading across the Mid-dle East in the 1940s and 50s, is a secular rather than an Islamic

movement and thus had a particular appeal to the minority Alawites. Even when the party was sus-pended during the brief union with the Egypt of Gamai Abdel Nasser, Mr. Assad and other Alawite leaders kent their network alive in the Latakia branch, which later enabled them to take over the party. Before World War II, under the French mandate over Syria, the

Sunni Moslem upper classes resist-

ed service in what was, in effect, a colonial army. The French, however, welcomed the Alawites into the army in a divide-and-rule tactic." Thus, after independence, a network of Alawites grew to a nearmonopoly in the organized use of force, the key to control.

"Many Alawites who had been able to attain a secondary education used the military academy as a means to continue their education, which otherwise they could ill-afford," writes Peter Gubser, a student of the area. "Once Alawites gained positions in the ranks, the noncommissioned officer corps and the commissioned officer corps, they encouraged their relatives, fellow tribesmen and fellow

villagers to join the military." At the same time, he said, the in an overlapping effort, "encouraged their members to enroll in the army in order to secure more power for their political group within the

country. Although in 1966 rivals were able to purge Alawite officers from the army on charges of "communal clannishness," Mr. Gubser points out that by the 1970s "all army strike units were effectively con-

trolled by Alawite personnel. "With this power, they have taken over a high percentage of all authoritative positious in Syria," he

When General Assad, then the air force commander and Defense Minister, came to power in a bloodless comp in 1970, ending a decade of successive coups, the Alawites'

power was consolidated. "One look at that miserable little village," said a Western diplomat in Damascas, "shows you just how far Hafez al-Assad has come."



FRANCE: Strikes Spread

(Continued from Page 1) prime objective remained the fight

against unemployment. Therefore, we need social policies which first and foremost will create solidarity for those who need it most, and which will encourage companies to invest and finance specific industries," Mr. Chirac

He said that the government's main task was "making sure inflation does not start up again and that it is mastered. This requires discipline and rigorous manage-

Mr. Chirac's statement came after criticism that he had not been decisive enough in dealing with strikers in recent weeks, detracting from his reputation for being a tough and efficient administrator. In a front-page headline last week, the leftist daily Liberation asked:

"Is the government on strike?" On Monday, Mr. Chirac received unexpected encouragement from President François Mitter-rand his Socialist rival. Mr. Mitter-rand stressed that the fight against inflation was a priority in the strug-gle to eliminate social inequality. Last week, Mr. Mitterrand re-

ceived a delegation of striking train drivers, drawing fierce criticism from members of Mr. Chirac's conservative government that he was demonstrating support for the government's opponents.

The train strike has become a crisis for Mr. Chirac, who has refused to bow to engineers' pay demands on the ground that public spending must be kept down. The government refuses to envision pay raises of more than 3 percent.

The railroad management has al-ready suspended a plan to promote employees on merit rather than seniority, which had angered the en-

The rail strike is all the more difficult to control since it started Dec. 18 as a wildcat action and is rum in many of France's 94 depots by strike committees and not by the egular trade union bodies.

Many of the workers on these committees are not union members subject to union discipline.

According to the railroad management, whose figures were disputed by the strikers, about 40 percent of normal train services were

operating Tuesday. Tuesday's one-day public sector strike was one of a series called since last fall by the CGT, sometimes supported by other unions. Another has been called for Jan.

A CGT-organized demonstra tion in central Paris drew 10,000 protesters, according to police, but quickly dispersed when a hailstorm

Mr. Chirac blamed the worsening situation on a "politicization" by the Communist-led union. This same charge was made earlier in the day by André Bergeron, the head of the moderate Force Ouvrière union, who said the stoppages were being encouraged by a Communist Party that needed to "restore its

Previous "days of action" had little impact, but Mr. Chirac's goverument has been weakened by its confrontations in December with students, who forced withdrawal of a plan to change university entrance and raise trition fees.

■ Strike Call in London Workers on London's Underground gave their union full backing Tuesday to call a one-day strike Jan. 14 over pay, jobs and condi-tions, Reuters reported.

convinced that the Chinese leaders are divided between those pressing for change, such as Mr. Deng, and conservatives, and the students have said so in wall posters pasted

on campus bulletin boards. People's Daily tried to refute this idea by declaring that the party's 200-member Central Committee was united. The Central Commitincludes the country's leading

Tuesday's editorial could not have been published without clear-

Seoul Has 9.8 Million People

The Associated Press SEOUL — The population of Seoul as of Nov. 1 was 9,798,542, up 1.58 percent from a year earlier. according to a municipal census report released Tuesday. South Korea's whole population is estimated

those leaders, including Mr. Deng himself, diplomats said People's Daily said that although

In Manila,

octatic Front.

for initial talks."

flesh them out."

17,000 lives since 1979.

It was the first meeting to discuss

spite charges from both sides of

On the eve of the talks, two re-

bels and a soldier were killed on Cebu island, the military said.

U.S. military bases. The govern-

The agenda did include a de-

(Continued from Page 1)

which the matter has been handled

Mr. Byrd proposed authorizing a

through most of 1987 and lead to

inquiries into contra funding in ad-

vide a mandate and guidelines for

Senate agreed last month to estab-

The Democratic draft resolution

would authorize the panel to look

into "the generation and use" of

any "money, item of value or ser-

ate to deive into every aspect of the

methods used to raise money for

Mr. Dole objected strenuously to

that such a wide-ranging investiga-

He noted that the Democratic

plan would permit the inquiry to

continue until Oct. 30 a date that

he said would produce a report in

The intelligence panel released

1988, a presidential election year.

no details of its report, but a source

familiar with the committee's work

tion sought in late 1985 and early

1986 to provide a legal basis for its

covert arms shipments to Iran.
It was previously known that on

Jan. 17 Mr. Reagan signed an intel-

ligence finding, or order, authoriz-

But the report discloses that this

was the third legal document draft-

ed for this purpose, the source said

known for his insistence that the

CIA adhere strictly to the law goveraing covert operations.

A second, previously undisclosed version of the intelligence

finding was signed on Jan. 6, 1986,

by Mr. Reagan. This version of the

document referred to the Israeli

role as an intermediary in the arms

transfers to Iran, the sources said.

After it was signed, the White House became distressed with the

Israeli middlemen in the deal be-

cause of the discovery that they had

shipped the Iranians malfunction

ing parts for Hawk anti-sircraft

As a result, a third intelligence

finding was drafted omitting any

ing those shipments.

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sales to Iran.

ment has rejected these den

anti-insurgency operations.

2d Round of

Rebel Talks

the recent student demonstrations were "nothing terrifying," they were "serious major events" and "the inevitable outcome of the weakness of some comrades in lighting the spread of bourgeois

Some observers saw this as a slag at Zhu Houze, chief of the Communist Party's propaganda department, Mr. Zhu has developed a reputation among Chinese writers as a "liberal"

Diplomats said that at a minimum the party would now have to increase its ideological and educational work among university stu-dents. They said the editorial was also likely to mark the end of a campaign started last spring to stimulate more debate among academics, artists, writers and theore-

INQUIRY: Reagan Could Override Report Delayed Arms Law, Agency Says

By Walter Pincus

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — The State Department told the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives last week that a special presidential intelligence finding could override the prohibition against selling U.S. arms to Iran established by the 1986 anti-mittee hearings. terrorism act.

such an intelligence finding also to Iran may have been permitted could allow the White House to under the Arms Export Control ignore another provision in the Act, have insisted that the last shipanti-terrorism act, which President Ronald Reagan signed on Aug. 27, that requires a report to Congress of any presidential waiver of its

The department's view was part of a series of answers to questions posed for the record by committee members during their hearings last month on the Iran arms sales. The statement on the effect of a presidential finding was part of an answer to committee questions on the legal basis for the Iranian arms embargo, sources said.

A State Department spokes said the responses to the questions were "simply descriptive of the law and hypothetical." He added that ed to Congress.

made public Monday, led to anoth-they were "not applied to any set of er rupture of the bipartisan spirit in

The State Department position, which one Reagan administration source said also reflects the view of far-reaching inquiry by a special the White House, has not been select committee that could last widely circulated on Capitol Hill but is to be printed with the published record of last mouth's com- dition to that generated by arms

Congressional critics of the Ira-In a written submission to the nian initiative, who recognized that committee, the department said earlier 1986 shipments of U.S. arms the intelligence panel on the affair ment of American arms to Iran in October violated the Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Anti-Terrorism Act of 1986. One of its provisions barred all arms shipments to nations that are identified by the secretary of state as supporting terfighting the government.

This language, Republicans said, is broad enough to permit the Senrorism. Iran has been identified as

such a nation since 1984. On Oct. 31, two months after the act went into effect, 500 U.S. TOW anti-tank missiles were shipped to the guerrillas. Iran from Israel under a \$4 million agreement reached earlier in Octo- the scope of the mandate, saying ber, according to sources.

Neither the sale of the Israeli TOWs to Iran nor a presidential waiver for the transfer was report-

BUDGET: Reagan's Lost Hope

(Continued from Page 1) loss and a decline in Reagan's pop-

Mr. Reagan has made a few concessions to political reality this year. For example, at the behest of the Treasury secretary, James A. Baker 3d, the administration dropped its economic growth forecast to make it closer to what private economists predict, although some critics say it is still too rosy. Another concession was to accept a lower level of military spending from the outset.

In another change, more than half the deficit reduction proposals are not program cuts but additional revenues from such things as selling federal assets such as Amtrak or government-backed loans. In earlier years, the administra-

tion opposed such sales because they were viewed as a one-time gain that would divert Congress from

cutting spending over the long term. While Mr. Miller has justified them as part of a campaign to "privatize" federal functions, critics say they are a "quick fix."

The budget is filled with many other proposals, such as increased user fees for federal services, that Congress has repeatedly rejected. cuts in farm spending, fundame tal changes in college loans and cuts in the Medicare health insurance program that may prove unac-

The first version was drafted Nov. 25, 1985, the report says, because, John N. McMahon, then ceptable on Capitol Hill. Once Mr. Reagan promised to balance the budget by 1983. Now deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, had learned that that he cannot balance it any time Colonel North had obtained CIA in his presidency, he says that getting the deficit down to about \$100 assistance in acquiring an airplane billion would "bring it within the to deliver arms to Iran earlier that range of our previous peacetime experience" and "bring our goal of However, the source said, that a balanced budget much closer to order was never signed by Mr. Reagan, and apparently was designed to pacify Mr. McMahon, who was

Hanoi Cites Big Clash With Chinese

LONDON — Vietnamese troops have killed nearly 500 Chinese sol-diers in border clashes inside northern Vietnam, Hanoi radio renorted Tuesday.

The radio, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation, said Chinese infantrymen launched three attacks Monday in the border province of Ha Tuven but were repulsed. Hanoi said it captured

tion and military hardware. "An initial report shows that we Hanci radio said all of Monday's inflicted heavy losses on the eneattacks were foiled. There was no my," the radio said, "killing nearly immediate word from Beijing of 500 enemy soldiers and capturing any border clash.

many weapons, ammunition and China and Vietnam fought an military hardware." inconclusive border war in 1979 after Vietnam invaded Cambodia The countries have clasticd before on their border, but reported and deposed its Chinese-backed casualties have rarely approached 500. There have been no reported government. Afterward, frequent shellings and cross-border raids cen reported along the

mountainous frontier, with each side blaming the other for the skir-

MOSCOW - Andrei D. Sakha- on his obtaining a Soviet exit visa. rov has accepted an invitation to

physicist said here Tuesday.

Sakharov Accepts Invitation to Italy Gorky, said that the trip depended

He was given the invitation by tional symposium on nuclear is-the Italian Socialist Party. Mr. Sa-sues, the Nobel prize-winning kharov added that he had asked his hosts to forward the invitation to

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3 Die in Militia Battles in West Beirut

BEIRUT (Reuters) - Leftist militias bettled with machine gun; and BEIRUT (Reuters) — Leftist militias battled with machine guns and grenades in West Beirut on Tuesday, killing at least three persons in the Moslem-controlled sector, the police said.

Fighting erupted before dawn between the Druze Progressive Socialist Party and the Syrian Nationalist Social Party after gunner in a car fined on an office belonging to the Druze party. In addition to the three persons killed, the police said, several others were wounded in the violence, which subsided about noon.

Meanwhile, three militiamen of the way least State The MANILA - Government and

Communist rebel envoys opened on Tuesday the second phase of negotiations to end the 17-year insubsided about noon.

Meanwhile, three militiamen of the pro-Israeli South Lebanon Army were wounded Tuesday when a roadside bomb exploded near their post in Israel's self-declared security zone in southern Lebanon, security sources in Tel Aviv said. The attack occurred near the Israeli border. surgency in the Philippines and agreed to limit initial negotiations to basic problems such as poverty

"Food and freedom, jobs and U.S. Helicopter Fired On in Gulf

justice, these are the key to peace,"
the government's chief negotiator,
Teofisto Guingona, said after a
three-hour meeting with leaders of
the Communist-led National Dem-WASHINGTON (NYT) —A U.S. Navy helicopter has been fired on by a merchant ship in the southern Gulf, according to the Pentagon. The

licopter took evasive action and was not bit. Officials said the incident Monday was the first time in memory that U.S. forces had been fired on in the Gulf region. The SH-2 helicopter, based on the destroyer O'Bannon and intended for anti-submarine warfare, was conducting routine operations over the Gulf. The merchant ship fired a surface-to-air missile at the helicopter. He said the front leaders, who submitted their own 10-point agenda, had agreed to a government proposal that the four issues should serve as the "basis, or parameters,

The ship's identity and country of registry are not known, a Defense Department statement said. The department said it was investigating the for intital talks.

The front's negotiator, Saturnino
Ocampo, said: "Who can argue
against food, freedom, jobs and
justice! We feel, however, that the

Israel May Drop Jet Plane Project

es are too broad and we should JERUSALEM (AP) — Foreign Minister Shimon Peres informed a U.S. military official on Tuesday that Israel would seriously consider U.S. proposals to halt production of an advanced jet fighter and replace it with what the two sides call substantive

issues toward a political settlement different project.

But Mr. Peres made no commitment on whether the cabinet would of a guerrilla war that has claimed agree to stop making the Lavi plane, which is expected to help Israel's high-technology industries, according to a government official who A 60-day cease-fire that started on Dec. 10 has been holding de-

sisted on remaining unidentified.

Mr. Peres met with the U.S. assistant undersecretary of defense, Dov Zakheim, who outlined U.S. suggested alternatives to the Lavi. The United States contends that the Lavi, the first prototype of which was it. flown last week, will be too expensive to manufacture. The United States has budgeted \$250 million a year out of \$1.8 billion in military aid to

The front's agenda made no mention of its earlier demands for Shultz Begins 8-Day African Voyage

power-sharing and the eviction of WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Secretary of State George P. Shultz left ashington on Tuesday on an eight-day official visit to Senegal, Cameroon, Kenya, Nigeria, Ivory Coast and Liberia.

mand for the release of the Communist leader, Rodolfo Salas, and Officials said he would make a major speech in Senegal on Thursday the disbandment of civilian militia and was expected to urge the sub-Saharan region to press ahead with free market growth and move away from central planning to deal with deep forces used by the military in rural and widespread economic crisi

The officials, who asked not to be identified, said the other chief sim of the trip was to discuss Libya. The officials said that Libyan activities in Chad, its attempts to subvert other countries and its increasing role in Sudan were issues of prime importance to the countries Mr. Shultz would

U.S. Air Controllers Ask Union Vote

WASHINGTON (AP) - About 40 percent of U.S. air traffic controllers are asking the government to recognize a fledgling union as their pargaining agent, the union said Tuesday.

The controllers have been without a union since President Ronald Reagan dismissed 11,400 striking Federal Aviation Administration con-

The National Air Traffic Controllers Association said that it had filed 5,800 sign-up cards on Monday with the Federal Labor Relations Authority seeking an election to become the controllers' collective bargaining agent.

Mr. Byrd's proposal, due for an early vote in the 100th Congress Shevardnadze Hopes for Afghan Pact that convened Tuesday, would pro-

MOSCOW (WP) — Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze said in Kabul that a political settlement in the seven-year Afghan war was

Speaking at a reception Monday night, Mr. Snevardnadze expressed hopes for "the start of new relations between Afghanistan and all its neighbors," and spoke of its emergence as a "sovereign, independent

country pursuing a policy of neutrality and nonalignment," Tass said. The Soviet foreign minister said that a reconciliation plan proposed by the Afghan leader, Major General Najibullah, on Thursday and adopted over the weekend, was beneficial not only to Afghanistan but to its neighbors. Afghanistan is extending a conciliatory hand, Mr. Shevardnadze said, adding that its neighbors "will do wisely if they do not push it

South Africa Theater Chain May Close in

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) - South Africa's biggest motion picture chain, facing boycotts by U.S. moviemakers, threatened Tuesday to close its theaters in towns enforcing racial segregation of audiences.

David Isaacs, marketing director of Ster-Kinekor, said his company

had told the town council in Krugersdorp, near Johannesburg, that its two theaters would be closed by the end of this month unless nonwhites were admitted. Mr. Isaacs would not identify the films that Ster-Kinekor was unable to purchase from American distributors. But he said that Columbia Pictures and Warner Brothers had been pressing the South Africans on the racial issue.

He said that his chain, with 150 outlets, had difficulty obtaining foreign films although less than one in 10 of its theaters were still segregated. "American companies do not want to supply movies to segregated cinemas," he said.

described it Monday night. The report sheds new light on the process by which the administra-For the Record

A Yngoslav dissident, Vladimir Mijanovic, said Tuesday that police dragged him off a plane in Belgrade on Saturday when he tried to leave for Canada with a valid passport and visa to visat friends. (Reuters)
An Israeli nuclear technicism, Mordechai Vassassa, charged with treason
for leaking nuclear secrets to a British newspaper, started a hunger strike
Monday in Jerusalem to protest prison conditions, the daily Ha'aretz

Prisoners protesting conditions and alleged brutality at a jail in Glasgow seized three guards as hostages on Tuesday. Earlier, 34 guards were wounded when the prisoners threw objects at them.

(Remers) Prime Minister Léon Mébiane of Gabon submitted the resignation of his cabinet Tuesday to President Omar Bongo. A statement said it would allow the president to name a new government to confront Gabon's

An earthquake struck northern Taiwan on Tuesday but caused no damage or casualties, the authorities in Taipei said. It registered 6.2 on the open-ended Richter scale.

DRUGS: Soviet Effort Publicized

teachers' journal had seen them. The journal also noted that there were no books for Soviet teen-agers

on drug abuse.

Mr. Vlasov gave details of some cesses in the campaign. In one, a recent nationwide operation known as "Poppy 86," 300 drug traffickers and 4,000 drug pushers were arrested and more than 100,000 hectares (247,100 acres) of wild hemp, including 3,000 hect-ares of illegal crops, were de-stroyed, he said.

According to Soviet officials most drugs used in the Soviet Union are produced there. In an interview in August, another inter-nal affairs official said 80 percent of the drugs came from crops grown on Soviet soil.

In the last year, anti-drug efforts have shifted to the hemp and poppy fields of Central Asia. In the Kara-Kalpak autonomous repubic, a campaign wiped out 90 per-cent of the illegal poppy fields, the newspaper Trud reported last month. More than 700,000 "opium bushes" are reported to have been

lic in the last two years. The prevalence of narcotics in

destroyed in the Turkmen Repub-

the Central Asian republics was apparent last month during the riots in Alma-Ata, capital of Kazakhstan. Published reports indicated that the disturbances were fueled by the distribution of marijuans and vodks to crowds of youths.

U.S. Official in Jordan For Talks With Hussein

AMMAN, Jordan — Richard W. Murphy, the U.S. assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern and South Asian affairs, arrived in Assault man on Tuesday, saying he would discuss regional issues and relations between the United States and Jordan with King Hussein. He said that President Rough

Reagan had sent him to assess the prospects of reviving the peace pro-cess in the Middle Fast, Mr. Murphy also is to visit Egypt and Israel during his trip, his first to the region since news emerged of secret U.S. arms sales to Iran.

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But Mr. Sakharov, who was allowed back in Moscow last month would not approach them for a

Senate Panel Rejects Helms, Naming Lugar Ranking Republican

WASHINGTON - Republicans on the Senate Foreign Rela-tions Committee voted 7-0 Tuesday to name the outgoing chairman of the committee, Richard G. Luranking committee member.

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The committee members, voting as the 100th Congress convened, rejected a challenge by Jesse Helms of North Carolina for the position of ranking minority member. The person in that post is considered the spokesman for Senate Republicaus on loreign policy issues.

A committee's ranking minority

member also helps represent the Senate's bipartisan majority at White House meetings on foreign policy issues and controls selection of the minority party's staff. Mr. Helms, who had comtended

that the post was his by right of semionity, did not appear for the vote. His name had not been placed

The Republican rule for commit tees in effect since 1973 states that a chairman or ranking minority member "need not be the member with the longest consecutive ser-

Mr. Lugar declined to character-"I see it as a vote of support for the leadership I've given, a vote of con-

Lugar before all the Republican sensions. He said Tuesday's vote was not valid because it was taken before the 100th Congress officially convened and the committee thereyears later. They were named to the Foreign Relations Committee on the same day in 1979.

The North Carolina senator could have taken the committee of the committee, Richard G. Lu-gar of Indiana, as the party's top-decided against it, promising his constituents that he would remain chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee. Mr. Helms now says that promise was a mistake because of his interest in making his mark on U.S. foreign policy.

The House of Representatives and the Senate, each facing a transition in leadership, convened at noon Tuesday. In the Senate, the Democrats, with their newly won majority of 55-45, and the Republicans met separately to iron out or-ganizational details.

Strom Thurmond, Republican of South Carolina, the Senate's outgo-South Caronna, the Senate's outgoing president pro tempore, passed his gavel to John C. Stennis, Democrat of Mississippi. Mr. Thurmond, 84, and Mr. Stennis, 85, are the senior members of the Senate.

Senator Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia resumed the post of major-ity leader, which he had held until the contests accompanying Ronald Reagan's 1980 landslide election ize the vote as a rejection of Mr. put the Democrats into the minor-Heims or his conservative beliefs. ity. Bob Dole of Kansas became ity. Bob Dole of Kansas became minority leader.

The House, as expected, elected fidence," Mr. Lugar said.

Later, Mr. Helms said he intended to pursue his challenge to Mr.

Wright replaces Thomas P. O'Neill Wright replaces Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., Democrat of Massachusetts who retired.

Representative Robert H. Michel of Illinois remains the House fore had not been duly constituted. Republican leader. Thomas S. Fo-Mr. Helps was elected to the ley of Washington succeeds Mr. Senate in 1972, Mr. Lugar four Wright as Democratic leader.

U.S. Train Ran Stop Signal

trak passenger train in a collision that killed 15 persons ran through a stop signal seconds before the crash, officials investigating the railroad's worst accident said.

Joseph T. Nall, a member of the National Transportation Safety Board, said Monday that the Con-rail engineer said he saw the stop signal about 500 feet (about 150 meters) from the site of Sunday

The track switches were set to dent, Mr. Nall said.

The Associated Press

CHASE Maryland — The three

give the Amtrak train priority. Its
12 cars and two engines were run-Contrail engines struck by an Am- ming at about 100 mph (160 kph) when the Conrail train ran through the switches, Mr. Nall said.

Amtrak is the U.S. government's subsidized passenger railroad and Contail is its freight service. The freight train moved out from

the siding "milliseconds before the arrival of the passenger train onto the tracks," the head of the Federal Railroad Administration, John H. Riley, said on television. The Conrail train's signal near

The engineer said he applied the the site had signified "stop" for at brakes but it was too late to stop. least three hours before the acci-

AMERICAN TOPICS

'Reverse Peace Corps' Is Suggested for U.S.

Over the past quarter-century the Peace Corps has sent 120,000 volunteers to work in 93 underdeveloped countries. Now the corps is proposing a new twist: a "reverse Peace Corps" of Third World volunteers who would go to the United States to teach their native languages and work on developinent projects, the Los Ange-

les Times reports. The greatest thing we could have is this reverse Peace Corps, building these bonds, these partnerships for peace," said Loret Miller Ruppe, the Peace Corps director, Mrs. Ruppe, 51, is an heiress to the Miller brewing fortune and wife of Philip E. Ruppe, a former Republican

congressman from Michigan Lewis Greenstein, a Peace Corps official, said that in the early 1970s volunteers from Nigeria, Jamaica and other coun-tries worked on American Indian reservations and in hospitals. "But," he said, "it was quashed after one year, I am told, largely because of implications it seemed to carry about American culture. We didn't want to say we could benefit from Nigerian volun-

An aide to the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee said the idea "probably would be greeted pretty skeptically here, even by Peace Corps supporters, who are interested in using limited funds to increase the number of voluniteers sent abroad."

Short Takes

Death rates from heart disease, strokes and antomobile ac cidents have dropped steeply during the past decade, federal health officials say. They credit this in part to less smoking, bet-ter diet, closer checks of blood pressure and the use of seat belts. But the news is not all good: Infant mortality remains at just over 10 per 1,000 live births; acquired immune deficiency syndrome, or AIDS, threatens to overshadow other problems; and physical fitness falls short of national goals. More than one quarter of American adults are overweight and only 10 percent to 20 percent exercise at the level held



SAFE AND SOUND - Mike Caruso Jr., 10, waved as he and his family left the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport Tuesday after Mike was freed by a gunman who held him captive for eight hours, demanding a flight to Egypt.

necessary to keep heart and lungs in good condition.

Heavy rains in the late an tunn helped ease the effect of the South's worst drought in a century, The New York Times reports. But moisture levels remain well below normal in fields and pastures, with the start of spring planting less than three months off. So farmers are hoping for a rainier win-ter than usual. The Agriculture Department says the drought reduced tobacco production 10 percent, soybeans 15 percent, come and peanuts 33 percent and hay 40 percent.

A record \$3.63 million for a painting by a living artist was paid for a 1959 work by the American abstractionist Jasper Johns when "Out of the Window" was sold Nov. 10 at a New York auction. But Mr. Johns, who had sold the painting in 1960 for \$2,250, got not a cent of the proceeds. Senator

Edward M. Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts, is proposing a law that would allow artists to collect 7 percent of the profit on the resale of original works that experts agree have "recognized fine arts stature."

G. Gordon Liddy says he is developing a board game for Maruca Industries of New York that pits East against West, totalitarianism against democracy. Mr. Liddy, 55, a onetime Watergate conspirator who now makes a living as a lecturer, says the Iran arms controversy should spur sales. Players on the democratic side have Congress and a free press, and these, Mr. Liddy says, can be liabilities when they don't keep secrets. "People know that the press is like the peculiar uncle you keep in the attic." Mr. Liddy said. "Just one of those unfortunate things. But Congress — they're supposed to be on our side."

-ARTHUR HIGBEE

Legal Battles On Fire Start In San Juan

By Kevin Klose Washington Past Service

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico -- The first court papers have been filed in what is likely to become a protracted legal battle following the fire at the Dupont Plaza Hotel that killed 96 people on New Year's Eve.

"Reports are widespread that a multitude of attorneys" have landed in Puerto Rico or are headed here to press claims against the hotel, lawyers for the hotel said Monday in a petition filed in U.S. District Court here. They asked that access to the hotel be carefully controlled by a judge to ensure the integrity of evider

John Coale, a partner in Coale & Kananack, a law firm in Washington, D.C., specializing in damage claims suits, said he filed a motion on behalf of a client injured in the fire, the first step in a move to obtain a court order to have the evidence preserved.

Some of the most prominen negligence attorneys from the United States are in the commonwealth "for the long hanl," as one of them said Monday. Many are longtime adversaries who have represented opposing sides in other

The family of Juan Rosario Torres. 63, who worked at the hotel, is seeking \$9 million in damages. The suit alleges that Mr. Torres suffered greatly before his death because of the "intentional, negligent and careless acts of the defendant."

The suit also accuses the hotel of "closing and sealing the casino doors and entrapping the dece-dent." Hotel officials have denied that the casino exits were locked at the time of the fire.

The suit names as defendant Hotel Systems International of Santa Monica, California, which attorneys for the plaintiffs said owns the San Juan Dupont Plaza Corp. of Delaware.

A second suit, seeking \$10 million in damages, was filed by José Aponte Rodriguez, also of Puerto Rico, who was in the casino when the fire broke out. Mr. Aponte had a concussion and his ankle was bro-The suits contend the 20-story

huxury hotel was negligent in failing to install fire-prevention mea-

■ Theory on Origin Cited

A federal investigator said it has been determined that the fire started after an arsonist ignited furniture stored in plastic wrapping "in the ballroom area," The New York Times reported Tuesday from San



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U.S. Budget Details: Heavy on Weapons

New York Times Service WASHINGTON - Following are highlights of the major pro-grams in the budget that President Rotald Reagan submitted to Con-

gress on Monday: Military: The administration heavy spending on nuclear weap-fiscal year to one and missale defenses and cut-sonal cuts. ting outlays for conventional wargan took office.

Spending for the Strategic De-lense initiative missile defense system would grow from \$3.2 billion in 1987 to \$5.2 billion in 1988 and millions of dollars more are spent. Oman, Kenya and Somalia. on the program each year at the Energy Department.

. The budget also proposes to rep-idly escalate spending for an antisatellite missile that under current law cannot be deployed or tested against objects in space. The bud-Bon. The first \$22 million for production of the weapon would be provided at the same time.

years, at a total cost of \$4.6 billion. it would also spend \$4.6 billion in the two years for research on the smaller, single-warhead Midget-man unclear missile.

Research and production funds costs are not disclosed. They are after the Challenger explosion. the stealth bomber, designed to rates steakh technology.

The budget proposes lowering number of ships being built in 1988 ment beginning in 1992.

for the navy. And it abandons the The administration is calling for

tion is seeking \$19.91 billion for the searchers.

In addition, Mr. Reagan is ask-Military: The administration ing for a supplemental appropria-proposal of \$312 billion calls for tion of \$1.3 billion for the 1987 fiscal year to offset sharp congres-

The 1987 cutbacks meant that fare in seeking the smallest rise in many of the United States's obliga-military spending since Mr. Rea-tions to countries that allow U.S. tions to countries that allow U.S. military bases on their soil could not be met. The bulk of the \$1.3 billion in supplemental money is for meeting the obligations to countries such as Spain, Portugal, \$6.3 billion in 1989. Hundreds of Turkey, the Philippines, Morocco,

Israel and Egypt, which together receive more than \$5.2 billion, have been untouched by the 1987 cuts, because Congress has written into law that they receive the amount

specified. The administration has request get for this research would more ed \$105 million in military and huthan double in 1988, to \$402 milthe Nicaraguan government. Congress approved \$100 million in such aid for 1987. The State Department is in charge of coordinating the The budget proposes buying 21 is in charge of coordinating the MX missiles in each of the next two rebel aid policy, but the money is budgeted out of a special presidential fund.

Science: To get the space shuttle flying again, the administration has

evade radar, and an advanced no- funds for unmanned rockets, declear craise missile that incorpo- spite findings by several expert the rates at which tanks, vehicles budget also calls for nearly \$767 and helicopters are bought by the million for work on the manned army. It cuts from 24 to 16 the space station planned for deploy-

ploying 40 tactical wings, settling tional Science Foundation budget, to \$1.0 km. air force's long-standing goal of de- a 17-percent increase in the Na-Foreign Affairs: The administra-increasing money for university re-

international affairs account in the 1988 budget, \$15.2 billion of it for foreign aid. The total is \$3.3 billion ermment "get out of the passenger" Law Enforcement: Because of more than Congress approved last rail business" by terminating all the 1986 immigration bill, the ad-

proposed a 12.7-percent increase in the budget for the National Aerofor two other long-range weapons nautics and Space Administration, are included in the budget, but the programs are classified and their flights in February 1988, two years

The NASA budget includes no panels that the agency is too depen-dent on the shuttle system. The

tion proposes that the federal gov- recommended to study AIDS. ing of some or all of its assets.

Emphasizing programs of a Naturalization Service to \$1 billion broad national interest," the overall transportation budget seeks an ment by Co increase of almost \$1 billion, or 20 fiscal year. percent, for the Federal Aviation

control systems.

The budget proposes a sharp reduction in the Urban Mass Transmission. Its appropriation would rise to \$144 million from \$114 milportation Administration, from 13.4 billion in the current fiscal year to \$1.5 billion in the 1988 fiscal year. The proposal would seeking the seeking fiscal year. The proposal would seeking \$14 billion for education, climinate operating assistance to \$1.2 billion less than it requested cities with populations of more

than 200,000. Human Services: A saving of \$7 billion is proposed in the Medicaid and Medicare programs. New ben-eficiaries of Medicare, the health program for those over 65 regardless of need, would have to pay insurance premiums accounting for 35 percent of the cost of coverage for doctors' services and out-of-

hospital care, up from 25 percent.
The administration also proposes extending the Medicare payroll tax to three million people who are not carolled because they are employees of state or local governments but who might benefit from Medicare because their spouses are enrolled. In addition, \$200 million would be saved by changing the

reimbursement of doctors. For Medicaid, the state-federal health pian for the poor, the budget proposes a cap on the federal share. nitime it to increases to cover in-

Included in the budget is provision for an increase of 3.5 percent in Social Security benefits in January 1988 to meet an expected costof-living rise.

The budget proposes \$286 million for the National Institutes of Health for research into acquired immme deficiency syndrome, far

Transportation: The administra- the National Academy of Sciences

subsidies to Amurak and by dispos- ministration is asking for an increase for the immigration and ment by Congress for the current

Under the proposed budget for Administration, primarily for more the Justice Department, \$165.4 air traffic controllers and support million would go toward expansion staff and for modernizing air traffic and repairs in the prison system.

A sizable increase is sought for

Education: The administration is

for 1987 and \$5.5 billion less than Congress appropriated.

The largest cuts are in student financial aid for higher education, which the administration wants to slash from \$8.2 billion to \$4.5 bil-

Housing: The administration proposes \$1 billion to modernize existing public housing, but no new

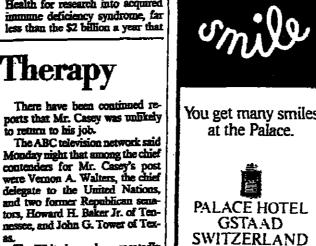
Agriculture: The administration hopes to reduce this year's \$55 billion budget for the Agriculture De-partment by \$4.3 billion in 1988, largely by cuts for the Commodity Credit Corp., which operates the government's income- and pricesupport programs for a dozen

According to Agriculture Department budget experts, the prices the government will pay for in-come-support prices will be reduced 10 percent.

Labor: The budget would nearly triple spending on job training and cash benefits for dislocated work-



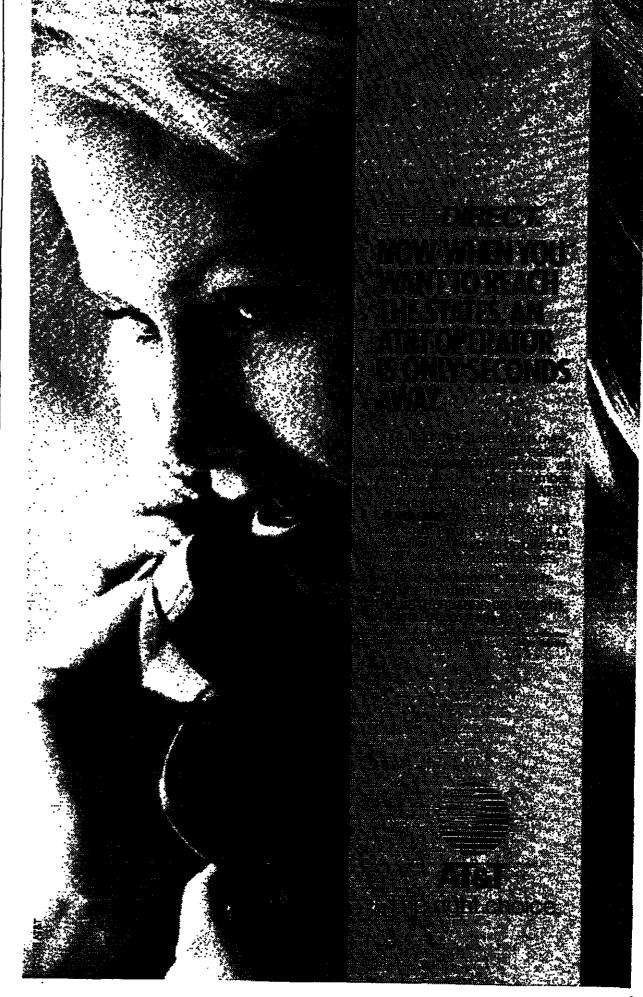
The White house has repeatedly denied that a search for a successor is under way. Mr. Casey's deputy, Robert Gates, is now running th



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The Tending Hotels of the World



Casey Getting Radiation Therapy There have been continued re-

The Associated Press WASHINGTON - William J. Casey, the director of the Central later. Intelligence Agency, is having diffione side of his body and is undergoing radiation therapy following surgery for a cancerous brain tumor, a hospital spokesman said

The hospital said he was "slowly

The statement was the first official description by doctors at her of weeks for treatment of his Georgetown University Hospital of hymphoma," she said. No further the extent of the health problems of statements will be issued while he is Mr. Casey ance he was stricken at hospitalized, she said.

CIA headquarters Dec. 15 and underwent brain surgery three days ports that Mr. Casey was unlikely

Mr. Casey, 73, is in stable condition and continuing to convaience. Monday night that among the chief

"Mr. Casey has been expensed ing speech difficulties and night-sided weakness." she said. "Both of and two former Republican scanators, Howard H. Baker Jr. of Teo-"Mr. Casey has been experiencimproving since the surgery. He has begun radiation thera-

py, which will continue for a num-

nessee, and John G. Tower of Tex-

to return to his job.

Making Things Worse

and abroad. He has announced that elections will be held for the all-white House of Assembly, the only one of the tirree ment that matters. The election, which under the constitution could have waited until 1989, will probably be in April.

Last year was not a good one for Mr. Botha or for South Africa. There has been unprecedented violence. Black opposition, going far beyond any of the government's expectations, has made the huge black townships ungovernable. Repression and a clampdown on the foreign and domestic press have deepened Pretoria's isolation but failed to cow the blacks. The ic power to the black majority. U.S. Congress, overriding President Resgan's veto on sanctions, signaled a basic change in the mood of governments and public opinion in the West. Acceptance of the African National Congress has grown both inside South Africa and in Western countries; U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz and British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe both have plans to confer with Oliver Tambo, the ANC leader, in the near future.

Mr. Botha may be right in assuming that his ruling National Party will emerge with an increased majority in the House of Assembly. But he knows that the parties of the hard-line Afrikaner right are on the move and that the pro-reform liberal

President Pieter W. Botha is turning to opposition is on the defensive. There is South Africa's white electorate in a bid to some reason to be suspicious, therefore, reassert diminished authority and recoup when he says the purpose of the election political initiative lost in 1986, at home is to measure white attitudes toward racial reform. He must have a pretty good idea of what those attitudes are.

It is hard to see what good could come racially segregated chambers of Parlia- from this election. President Botha once seemed to have a policy for slow --- too slow - reform of the system of apartheid, which he called "outdated" at the start of 1986. A few months later he shelved all plans for limited reform and opted for a policy of confrontation. Since then it has become increasingly clear that the issue in South Africa is no longer one of limited power sharing, with the white minority keeping its supremacy while giving up a small portion of its political and econom-

Black South Africans demonstrated in 1986 that they are no longer willing to accept less than majority rule. Radicalization of blacks has been matched by the emergence of a right-wing white backlash. Polarization can only be heightened by the electoral campaign and its after-math. The only steps that could have relieved tension and pulled the country back from the brink of catastrophe release of Nelson Mandela, lifting of the ban on the ANC and the start of talks between the latter and the government have now even less chance of being taken. The rush toward all-out confrontation is apt to gather even more speed. INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE

If Not Now, When?

Cultural convergence: It is the proposi-tion that, for all the Soviet-American hostil-ity, the advance of technology and the complexity of modern civilization are steadily making the two nations more similar. The idea has superficial appeal given the emer-gence in Moscow of Cardin fashions in the shops, news briefings in the Foreign Ministry and hard rock in the arenas.

It is also evident, say what you will about evil empires and capitalist conspiracies, at the level of oratory. The New York Times recently published key passages from a remarkable talk last June to a group of Soviet ed for 20 centuries, since Rabbi Hillel writers by Mikhail Gorbachev. The society asked, "If I am not for myself, who is for is ripe for change," he said. "If we step away, the society will not agree to a return. The process must be made irreversible. If not us, then who? If not now, when?" The thought struck some readers as fa-

Kennedys, maybe? Not exactly. The recent source is President Reagan, in his second inaugural address, just two years ago. He was talking then, as now, about the need to end decades of deficit spending:

"We've come to a turning point, a moment for hard decisions. I have asked the cabinet and my staff a question, and now I put the same question to all of you. If not us, who? And if not now, when?

That, however, is only the recent provenance. Questions like these have reverberatasked, "If I am not for myself, who is for me? If I care only for myself, what am I? If not now, when?" More than complexity or technology, there are grounds for convergence in those questions, all three of them. - THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Reagan's Budget Poker

and taxes; or (b) the beginning of a poker game with Congress over who gets the credit for spending and the blame for taxes?

time. The 1988 budget, President Reagan's technically by submitting a summary. Parseventh, is such a pallid, temporizing ver- ticulars are to follow but there are some The best that can be said about it is that, where it might have been belligerent, it makes modest concessions to the Democrats' new control of both houses of Congress. It is vintage Reagan, only less so.

After four years of modest growth, for

which the president claims immodest credit, his is a sorry vision of what a prosperous nation should provide. He still wants to pump up Pentagon spending, but not so much. He still stands firm against tax increases, but perhaps not quite so firm. He still wants to minimize government and reduce social spending, but maybe not so tenaciously. Most important, he insists he wants to reduce his huge deficit — but proposes no plausible political strategy to achieve that goal.

The president is probably correct in saying that the deficit is shrinking, but wrong in calculating how much. Only three months after Congress finished work on the 1987 budget, the deficit will be almost \$25 billion larger than previously thought.

Now, by assuming that the economy will prow faster than most forecasts, Mr. Reagan pretends his plan for fiscal 1988 would yield a smaller deficit than is likely. Moreover, he tosses in "savings" that he knows Congress will not accept. He may devoutly

What is a federal budget: (a) a realistic wish to reduce farm subsidies or eliminate blueprint from the president for spending legal aid for the poor, but he also knows Congress has turned him down each year.
The detail of Mr. Reagan's plan is limit-

ed. The Gramm-Rudman-Hollings law sets The usual answer is both, but not this a Jan. 5 deadline and he has complied only does not propose increasing defense as much as in the past. He grapples at last with the spiraling costs of some major entitle-ment programs—farm subsidies, Medicare and Civil Service pensions. While he continues to insist, wrongly, that any "tax increase" is out of the question, he proposes to raise revenues by \$23 billion.

There are also some small signs of social concern: himited funding for the homeless ... more money to retrain displaced workers ... increases for AIDS research and reducing infant mortality among the poor ... hesitant steps against acid rain. But in many more ways, this budget would chip away at programs that help the disadvan-taged, directly and through strapped mu-nicipalities. He blames the deficit for such stringency and brags of at last making headway to get the deficit down — without

mentioning whose administration got it up. This budget is Mr. Reagan's first commi nication with the new Congress. The language is carefully tempered; he seeks no confrontation, his spokesmen insist. But neither does he offer a plausible program. The budget is the president's time to lead to take responsibility, to bet his poker hand. With this budget, Mr. Reagan says, I pass. -THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

The Wars of One World

Two wars, Lebanon apart, have racked the Islamic world since the beginning of this decade, and only one shows signs of reaching its natural term. The arrival in Kabul of two senior Soviet politicians reinforces the cease-fire initiative announced by the comtry's nominal leader, Dr. Najibullah. In Iraq, meanwhile, they are celebrating as a famous victory one more episode in the toand-fro of hugely wasteful infantry attacks. Not the least difference between the two wars is that the one in Afghanistan is a serious embarrassment to a superpower the bleeding wound, Mr. Gorbachev called it - and the other is one that both superpowers can contemplate with equanimity.

The United Nations has been actively occupied over several years in searching for an Afghan peace formula and has almost found it. The only remaining hurdle - at the negotiating table at least — is the date of a Soviet withdrawal, and obviously that cannot be decided until all the other elements have fallen into place. In the Gulf War there are no effective mediators.

The Gulf War is the more intractable [of the two conflicts] and by far the bloodier. At first it seemed likely to have the wider repercussions in cutting an artery of oil. But that has not happened. Mr. Shevardnadze, [the Soviet foreign minister], is in Kabul to tackle a soluble problem. For the time being the Gulf War is not in that category. - The Guardian (London).

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OPINION



Where did we go wrong? '

On Cue or Not, China's Students Start Something

By Merle Goldman

B OSTON — In reports about the B student demonstrations in China, too little has been said of the restraint shown by the Communist Party. Given its tremendous power, China's one-party state could easily have nipped these demonstrations at the very beginning. Even as party leaders harshly de-

lowed a protest for a more open nominating process to people's con-gresses to expand into a general demand for competitive elections and freedom of speech. The demon-strations spread for at least four weeks to major cities.

There are several reasons for the party's relative tolerance, including its desire to project a moderate image abroad, memories of the Cultural Revolution, a desire not to provoke another reign of terror by cracking down too harshly and, most important, the fact that the demonstrations serve the interests of certain factions at the top levels of political leadership in ongoing

his reform faction have called for political reforms to accompany economic changes. They argue that China's openness and economic development cannot be sustained unless the party decentralizes its power and reduces its role in economic

management. Their attempt to gain acceptance of such a proposal at a Central Committee meeting in Sep-tember was blocked by conservative leaders led by Chen Yun, the Politburo member and economic plan-ner. The final resolution talked about building socialist spiritual civilization rather than reforming the political system.

Yet the debate on political reform continues, and it encompasses more radical suggestions. Some intellectuals say political reform should not be merely a tool of eco-nomic reform. Others urge the party to lessen its role not only in the economy but also in the judiciary, the government and everyday life.

Although these recommenda-Since the spring of 1986, the par-amount leader, Deng Xiaoping, and for more far-reaching reforms than

This is not the first time they have done this. In the late 1970s they let the so-called Democratic Movement use wall posters, pamphlets and demonstrations to force out remaining Maoists in the central leadership and to launch their own eco-nomic program. When Mr. Deng's goals had been achieved, he cracked down on democratic activists.

A similar scenario may be un-

folding today. To bring about limited political reform, the Deng leadership may have allowed student demonstrations to spread --- before gradually suppressing the protests. If the demonstrations became too disruptive, the conservatives could use them as an excuse to call for an end to or even a reversal of previous reforms, as they tried to do
in the "spiritual pollution" campaign in the fall of 1983.

While the top leaders may be able

their own purposes, almost mvariably the protests set in motion ideas and actions that the leadership cannot wholly control. In a similar fashion, Mao Zedong used the Red Guard demonstrations during the Cultural Revolution to purge the opposing political faction. His call "to rebel against authority" led to anarchy, which he finally suppressed with violence. But it also ltimately led to the Democratic Movement of the late 1970s.

The French

Don't Want *

Ideology

By Flora Lewis

PARIS — This week, French commentators say, will be decisive in

determining if the government can

weather the current storm of labor

protest or if it will face upheaval with

Jacques Chirac's stem refusal to

budge on demands from striking rail-

way workers has been compared to Ronald Reagan's harsh stand against

air traffic controllers and Margaret

Thatcher's success in breaking the coal miners' strike. These turned out

to be watersheds for union power, and Prime Minister Chirac is going

for a similar victory.

The Communist-led CGT, the

largest union, and the Communist

Party are scurrying to catch up with the widecatting workers and to pro-vide leadership with a call for a three-

day general strike in the public sec-tor. They are not likely to succeed.

The Communists' approach to social problems and their basic idea of class struggle are widely seen as obsolete. But there is a general mood of irrita-

tion with government policy.

The ommous sease of trouble ahead comes from two layers of dissatisfaction far broader than those

specific demands. One concerns aus-

terity, which has brought inflation down sharply in four years. Workers feel they have sacrificed long enough

and it is time for rewards, although

The other, more vague, perhaps more profound resentment is that

wage and other restraints are now

accompanied by measures meant to liberalize the whole structure of the

French economy, in the 19th century

Tax cuts for the wealthy and moves

diluting the government's role in pro-tecting workers are seen as an ideo-logical campaign that goes well be-yond what is needed to regain eco-

nomic vigor and spark enterprise. Even former President Valery Gis-

card d'Estaing, a man of the center-right, said there "can't be good eco-nomic liberalism without a social

conscience, because France is sensi-

tive" about these things.
Former Prime Minister Pierre

first and second class."

Mauroy, a Socialist, charged that the government wanted to organize the country like a French train, "with

Nor can France apply its kind of

Reaganomics by piling up vast defi-cits and debts, because it cannot at-

tract endless foreign funds, as the

United States has. Interest rates were raised twice last week in hopes of

heading off a run against the franc that could force devaluation.

In a peculiar way, Mr. Chirac is making the mistake that his Socialist

predecessors made when they won power in 1981. They thought they had a mandate for an ideological pro-

gram, and they shoved it through. So did Mr. Chirac when his rightist co-

alition took over last March. But in

simply turned out a government it

did not like to give the opposition a

chance, not to remodel the country.

have absorbed the fact that their vot-

ers were not switching from one ide-

off ideology. The misapprehension has been compounded by lack of de-bate, of explanation, of the airing of

diverse aspirations and priorities so

pushed through most of its bills un-

der a provision for legislation by de-

cree, really meant for emergencies or

musual circumstances. This oppor-

tunity for parliamentary railroading has been abused because Mr. Chirac

was in a hurry to get his program

enacted well before presidential elec-

tions due in the spring of 1988. On occasion, President François

Mitterrand, a Socialist, has used his

right to refuse to sign a decree, and

normal legislative action was made necessary. Mr. Chirac's people react-

ed as if the president were meanly

consider that its views were really taken into account. The constitution

has been scrupulously respected in the acerb regime of Mitterrand-Chi-

rac "cohabitation," but excess pa-

tronage and gimmicks used to replace

customary democratic procedure ex-

with a strong grip. He has huge hands, which clench and flex when he

is making a point, even though he can keep his face smiling, relaxed, appar-ently serene. His government has said

The New York Times.

Mr. Chirac likes to wield power

act a price in public confidence.

The Chirac government has

that some consensus can emerge.

ology to another, they were switching

French politicians do not seem to

fact both times the electorate has

free-market sense, à la Reagan.

no one wants to restart inflation.

sezious economic consequences.

Although Mr. Deng initially used the Democratic Movement for his own purposes, he, too, reined in the activists when they demanded more democratic rights than he was willing to allow. Yet their demands have stimulated the current debate on political reform. China's recent history suggests that demonstra-tions, manipulated to exert pressure on top leaders, spark ideas and practices that the manipulators cannot fully extinguish.

The writer, professor of Chinese his-tory at Boston University, contributed this comment to The New York Times.

Last-Ditch Remedies for an Ugly American Decade

ORAL GABLES, Florida — It looks as if the ✓ 1980s may be remembered as the ugly decade. We have witnessed in America a kind of general know-nothingness in which evading critical prob-lems is a substitute for grappling with them, in which damage-controlling an error is better than avoiding it, in which sitting tall in the saddle is preferred to riding forward, and in which, amid the verbiage, certain essential freedoms and equalities of national life are diminished and eroded.

esident Rea trations have produced a massive budget deficit which, if allowed to grow untended for two more years, would modify the national structure.

I have watched three other nations - Germany. Japan and Brazil — incur so much debt that then only solution was to debase their currency, wipe out the debt and damage grievously the middle class. The very rich and the very poor are not seriously burt, since the rich can afford to lose and the poor have nothing to lose. But the middle is crushed and sometimes never recovers.

Meanwhile, the fortunes of the poor, the minorities and students have suffered reverses so grievous that the United States is in danger of losi reputation as a haven. It is becoming a society in which advantage is to the rich, disadvantage to the poor. Night after night I hear administration spokesmen reason that, since the Dow Jones average has risen another 10 points, all is well with the republic, ignoring the fact that oilmen in Loui-siana are wallowing in bankruptcy and farmers in Iowa are losing their farms. As I listen I recall Oliver Goldsmith's reflection on his deserted village:

Ill fares the land, to hast'ning ills a prey, Where wealth accumulates, and men decay.

During this decade, the accumulation of wealth has been deified. Ivan Boesky becomes the protoBy James A. Michener

typical financier, and the takeover artist who can orchestrate a greenmail coup has become a more lauded hero than the manager of a corporation that is hiring people and making a usable product. The ugliness of the decade crops up everywhere. A former secretary of the interior, James Watt, denigrates America's national heritage of parks and open lands. Attorney General Edwin Meese strives to rewrite the constitutional pattern. Ultraconservative religious forces are encouraged to run wild. The public school system, one of the reasons why America became a superior society, is threat-ened. Under the banner of protecting home and family, government invades the bedroom.

At this unpropitious moment, the Reason adinistration shoots itself in the foot with its handling of the Iranian hostage crisis, selling arms to a proclaimed enemy and illegally funneling the pro-fits into the murky situation in Central America. There is disillusionment at home and scorn abroad. For the first time that I can recall in my

work abroad, other nations laugh at Americans. I hope things can be repaired. Since 1960, America has not treated presidents well. John Kennedy was murdered, Gerald Ford shot at twice, Lyndon Johnson run out of office. Richard Nixon reand if Ronald Reagan is emasculated, America will appear to the rest of the world as just one more nana republic. Mr. Reagan's unmatched popu-

larity is an asset that must not be casually wasted First, the president can stand before the people and say: "I allowed an error to occur. I have corrected it. And I won't let it happen again, for I obey the laws and traditions of this nation." control of those best qualified to conduct it. Cow-

control of those best qualified to conduct it. Cow-boys in the White House cellar must be reined in. Third, he should disband his damage-control squad. If error is promptly admitted and rectified, no cleamup squad is needed.

Fourth, he must knock off the windy macho verbalisms. The United States faces serious problems. If in his next State of the Union message he claims that it is still standing tall or that it is once again respected throughout the world because of its victory in Grenada, Congress is going to wince and listeners abroad will guffaw. Further ridicule is something America cannot afford.

Fifth, he must let it be seen in all he does and says that he is a humane man who cares as much for the poor and the middle class as for the rich. Sixth, he should wrestle honestly with the deficit and not rely on legerdemain. The government should raise taxes and cut spending. (But since Republicans refuse to do the former and Demo-

crais are unable to do the latter, I suppose we will stagger along toward a major devaluation.) Seventh, everything the Republican leadership wenth, everything the Republican leadership does in the next two years, and all the behavior of the Democratic Congress, ought to point toward a smooth, responsible transition to the next administration. Last October it looked as if that administration would be Republican, but that party's

debacles make its victory less automs The ugly decade is drawing to a close. I hope President Reagan can regroup his forces and end his spectacular incumbency in orderly fashion. But he can achieve this only if adventurism ends, only if sensible controls are established and only if the people are addressed in words of common sense.

This is adapted from comment contributed by Mr.

Second, he must return foreign policy to the Michener, the novelist, to The New York Tim undercutting them. But soured feelings show that the public did not

Let Politicians, Not Academicians, Run Foreign Policy

WASHINGTON — It is not my W tendency to come to the sup-port of President Reagan; I am not, I imagine, commonly identified with such effort. I would, however, like to break with past practice and applaud his decision to have an investigation of the National Security Council and, more especially, the sound instinct that caused him to assign to the task two former members of Congress.
This investigation is not called for

by recent developments alone; it is long overdne. I plead, accordingly, that it not be confined to the Iranian-Nicaraguan disaster. No segment of the government over the last 25 or 30 years has had such a record of error verging on occasion, on folly.

Some of that error has been the

original inspiration of the Pentagon, the State Department and the CIA. A larger share has come from the forcign policy staff in the White House itself. And, in any case, it was and remains the responsibility of the president's advisers (as well, to be sure, as the president) to identify and arrest error. This they have not done; repeatedly it has remained for Congress and the press to expose unwise and profoundly damaging action.
The list of mistakes, all in retro-

spect now so recognized, is formida-ble — the U-2 flight before the Paris summit meeting; the Bay of Pigs; the pressure for a "surgical strike" at the time of the missile crisis, this one happily forestalled against his advis-ers counsel by the president himself; the progressive and enduring tragedy of Victnam; the secret bombing of Cambodia: the tracic, but also ludicrous, helicopter rescue adventure into Iran, which was a columnating step in returning President Jimmy Carter to Plains, Georgia.

By John Kenneth Galbraith

Latterly there have been the dispatch of the marines to Lebanon, and now this Iran and contra foul-up, with numerous and bizarre aspects that, despite no slight effort to the contrary, are still coming to light. To compile the list is surely to show that something has been markedly wrong. In these days much has been attributed to the unlicensed activities of military personnel — Vice Admiral dexter and Lieutenaut Col-

onel Oliver North - and to the takehold tendencies of Donald Regan, which left him, nonetheless, in ignorance of what was going on. But my fellow academicians, the admitted foreign policy specialists, have not done better; by any conceivable measure of error, that in Indo-

china in particular, they have done worse on a much larger scale. Presumably the president needs national security advisers; there must be review and coordination of policies as these emerge from the several departments. What is the remedy? The remedy is to place foreign pol-

icy, as it is in all other democratic entries, in the hands of experienced politicians. From that experience will come a sense of what Congress and the public will accept. Such individuals are also less likely to be attracted by the short-run charm of secret operations; they know from hard experience that in

the United States nothing of any real interest ever remains secret. They will communicate easily with their former colleagues in Congress, have their trust and - an important matter - have respect for the laws that emanated from the body of which they were once a part.

Above all, they will not have the sense of high foreign policy and military adventure that my scholarly friends and lately the military officers. have too often brought to their task. Nothing better dulls that sense than tedious, experienced political service.
The use of members or former

members of Congress will also help cosure a needed continuity in policy — the toning down of what a foreign diplomat of my acquaintance has called the coup d'état that every four or eight years characterizes the shift from one presidency to the next.

The United States does not have

a parliamentary system, Recruitment of top foreign policy personnel from Congress would imitate one of that system's best features. To the extent possible, senior legis-

lators should be persuaded to leave Congress to accept high foreign policy posts. To the extent this is not possible, the White House, as well as the foreign policy departments, should be a natural assignment for those who have ceased to serve on foreign policy on Capitol Hill. The present disaster would not

have occurred if Charles Percy or Howard Baker, both Republics had been in charge. If William Fulbright had been there, there would have been no Bay of Pigs. And he would have resisted the steady movement into the sinkhole of Vietnam. In the past, John Sherman Cooper, Kenneth Keating and others have

gone from Congress to be ambassadors. Better that they should have gone to the White House. For six years Mike Mansfield has been serving the present administra-tion in Japan. Does anyone doubt

that things would have been better had he, rather than Mr. Poindexter, been in the White House? President Jimmy Carter's drafting of Edmund Musice after the earlier Iran disaster is a model for future action.

I am not suggesting indiscriminate recruiting from Capitol Hill. My en-thusiasm for Jesse Heims, and perhaps also Paul Laxalt, is restrain What I do urge is that we put experienced politicians in charge of foreign policy, with the not surprising quali-fication that they should be the best.

emeritus at Harvard University and former embassador io India, contributed this comment to The Washington Post.

it will not back down, and he may get away with it. France does not like turmoil. But flaunting power is not The writer, an economist, proj the same as leadership. However tall he may stand, the polls show him sagging badly now in public esteem.

IN OUR PAGES, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1912: Arab Quandary

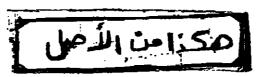
mia, those near the coast-line at least, are betwixt the hammer and the anvil. Most seem to realize that the Italians are here to stay, and it is practically certain that if they had the power of taking a decision they would come to terms with their new masters. The coast Arab refrains from making submission to the Italians because he dare not. His old masters stand in the way. During their occupation, the Turks succeed-ed in inspiring the tribes with a re-spect for Turkish authority. If the side, he must be defended. The Turks have given him protection but kept him short of food. The Italians have failed to give him protection and he cannot be blamed if he elects to go short of food rather than lose his life. Spanish situation does not improve.

1937: No to a Blockade TRIPOLI - The Arabs of Tripolita- LONDON - The British govern-

ment turned thumbs down on French suggestions that an Anglo-French naval blockade of the Spanish coast be instituted to keep out foreign volumteers and gun numers and to let the Spaniards fight out the civil war in

comparative privacy without letting it degenerate further into an all-European brawl. If the blockade would serve that purpose, Britain would be only too pleased to donate its navy to the good cause, it was indicated here. However, it is feared that a blockade spect for Turkish authority. If the attempted by any one, two or threes.

Arab is to be won over to the Italian powers might be less effective than provocative and might unwittingly bring on a wholesale war that Britain is so anxious to prevent. Britain has



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OPINION

Don't War Right, a Pretty Good . Please Read This Column By A.M. Rosenthal Why don't they know in Washington to things in South Kore

I would write a column, a carpenter was putting in some bookshelves for me and putting in some bookshelves for me and there will use heavy American arms to he asked what kind of a column. Well, kill it. We will be identified with the about lots of things, I said, foreign affairs certainly, but also the country and city and people who were interesting. including him and me and whatever was on my mind that conceivably would interest some other minds. Some traveling?

Yes, I said, as a matter of fact I think will an Arab leader say publicly what so

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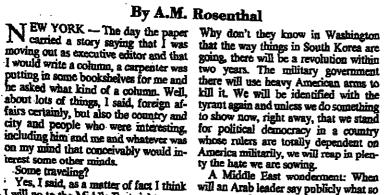
said it: "Pretty good job."
I understand the duty of a columnist to give the world guidance and I solemnly accept that obligation. In due time maybe even later this week, I don't want to shirk long — I will be laying out some pretty pithy instructions to the citizenry and government. The underlying assumption, of course, is that they will be carried out to the letter, otherwise no fair. But I figure I am entitled to at least one column about things where I

wouldn't mind a bit of guidance myself.
For instance, I would love to know who is handling Soviet public relations, because if it is on the exchange I would buy a little stock. Mikhail Gorbachev is tertainly a far smoother chap than most of his predecessors, but he has not touched the total police nature of the Soviet state and not even hinted he will.

How could he? He is part of it and rules through it. But every time he says that he will let a long-suppressed book be published or allow a private critzen to own a pushcart, or releases one of his ample supply of prisoners, the West goes into a mad fandango of appreciation. There are, blessedly, Shcharanskys and some journalists who cry "wait,

wait" to the world, but they are outnumbered by the eager folk who clap their hands and sing praise. Myself, I will wait Manus and sing plane. Mysel, I win want until Mr. Gorbachev arrests and tries the men who sent Anatoli Shaharansky the men who sent Anatoli Shcharansky to jail and Andrei Sakharov into exile; time enough then to clap and sing. Something else I don't understand:

> A.M. Rasenthal's opinion columns, of and nodded to myself companionably which this is the first, will be appearing in this space. Mr. Rosenthal is associate editor of The New York Times. He was executive young sultan in his palace by the sea. editor from 1977 until last November.



I will go to the Middle East right away.

No, maybe Chile would be better now.

many say in private — that the only answer to the heartbreak of Palestine exists already but is too dangerous to mention out loud. Of course he will have to make sure in advance that the PLO knows that to kill him will mean its immediate annihilation by his Arab allies. The answer is a political and historical equation that Arab and Israeli leaders know in heart: Jordan plus nego-tiated chunks of the West Bank plus internationalized Jerusalem shrines equal the Palestine homeland. Israel will accept after internal anguish because a bounded Kingdom of Jordan-Palestine is better than generations of battle against unbounded hatred.

At home, I do not understand why all the people on Wall Street are not scared to death. The gap between what business thinks is acceptable and the ethical standards we were taught in civics classes is becoming so very large that in a short time the people of the country will turn in wrath. Then a rather dangerous populist wrath will not only wipe out greenmail and shoddy leverages but a lot of the rest of Wall Street with them.

And I wish somebody could tell me what to do in my own city when I walk in the street and run into a test of soul I thought I had left behind me in Calcutta. I see a body in the street, still but probably alive. Do I walk around it as I did in Caketta? There I felt shame for stepping around a living body. In New York I feel anger — at the city, the body. Shame did not help. Will anger be more use?

Of course I am not all that puzzled, but just putting down a few things that are on my mind at the moment and that I intend to get back to.

Oh, and one little personal note. When I was born, my mother really did not cry out "Harry, let's call him A.M." The initials and dots in my name were put there long ago by an editor who gave me my first byline but thought my first name was not quite, or maybe too quite. My name is Abraham, as in Abe.

And as I was riding from a chat with the president — Mubarak, not Pinochet this time - I thought of that carpenter and nodded to myself companionably: right, pretty good job. Then I flew off to talk things over with a most unusual The New York Times.



The Engineers Are Tinkering With Cicero

WASHINGTON — Until now, engineers would have been judged wicked or demented if they were discovered blatantly ignoring the ancient imperative of the philosopher Cicero: In whatever you build, "the safety of the public shall be the highest law."

Today, however, Three Mile Island. Bhopal, the shuttle Challenger, Chernobyl and other technological horror stories tell of a cancer growing on our values. These engineering disasters are the results of willful actions, yet these actions are generally not seen by engineers as morally wrong. They are judged to be ordinary. And some engineers now espouse a morality that rejects the idea that they have as their prime responsi-bility the maintenance of public safety.

What is this new morality of engineering? Can it be justified morally? If not, has modern culture become some sort of technological Sodom and Gomorrah,

with no one protecting the public?
Debate on this issue rages in the literature, in the courts and in conversations among America's 1.3 million engineers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why Not Yellow Ribbons? Regarding "Against the Yellow Ribbon Syndrome" (Dec. 2) by Mike Royko:

Mr. Royko fails to reason that expatriates are here, or elsewhere, because they are needed. Would he sever diplomatic relations? Does he advocate the removal of all foreign military installations? Of the foreign educators, religious orders, volunteer agencies and the businessmen who are the slim hope of better economies in many countries?

I assume that the old lady Mr. Royko mentions, who was mugged in her Chicago kitchen, at least had the sterling assistance of the Chicago police force. We who live abroad may not have the privilege of such expertise.

We are merely Americans doing our jobs. God forbid that we disturb the

as proposing that the United States stop assuming responsibility for expatriates taken hostage — with the misfortune of our being kidnapped. SANDRA LASKEY.

As a Chicagoan, I have always en-joyed Mike Royko's columns. However, his recent one, "Against the Yellow Ribbon Syndrome" (Dec. 2), provoked a disturbing letter from Peter Adams (Dec. 12). Mr. Adams's statement that people "who insist on going to trouble spots for private reasons get what they deserve" recalls an incident that deserves to be related.

In April, a rally was held at the University of California at Santa Cruz to protest the Reagan administration's rash decision to bomb Libya. Followin tranquillity of Mr. Royko — or of Mark the bombing, two British nationals and Heller, the Cornell professor he quotes an American, Peter Kilburn, were killed

Christian-Jewish Dialogue: First Expurgate the Fathers

There is truth and wisdom in Dean Richard Harris's views on relations between Christians and Jews (Other Comment, Dec. 24). Yet the main point for a dialogue is not the need for a Christian to feel "the full force of the attraction of Judaism" and vice versa. An essential condition is to eradicate the awful fabric of anti-Semitism developed through 20 centuries of Christian teaching of contempt - millennia in which the cross and the sword, allied by the strength of the secular arm in most Christian nations, persecuted defenseless Jews with humiliations, plunder, pogroms, depor-

tation, slaughter and crusades. Separation of church and state has put an end to official hostility against

Jews in many countries, but anti-Semi-

tism on religious and racial grounds per-sists. In our own times, church-inspired anti-Jewish feeling helped provoke the most monstrous holocaust in human history, amid general indifference. Thus, a genuine dialogue between Christians and Jews cannot occur until the doctrinal roots of anti-Semitism are extirpated and its fomenters among the Church Fathers are unbolted from their pedestals in the Christian hagiography.

However, churches are paralyzed by a paradox: Many among the founding fathers of Christian doctrine are also the pillars of anti-Semitism. LEON ALHADEFF.

Nice, France.

by their Lebanese captors in "retalia-tion" for the U.S. aggression against Libya. Members of the Kilburn family, still in mourning, took the time to attend the university rally to announce that Mr. Kilburn had gone to Beirut because of his dissatisfaction with U.S. policy in the Middle East. They made it clear that his death should not be viewed as a justification for the very policies be opposed. If Mr. Kilburn died a martyr, then he died a martyr to the cause of peace in Lebanon and not for the cause of America's perceived interests in that country. If there were more Kilburns in the

Rambo persuasion, we probably would not be dealing with a "hostage crisis" in the first place.

KRISTIN BROWN.

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Reagan's Age Is Irrelevant

How can James Reston use "this doc-tor" in his Dec. 26 column, "Two More Years: Reagan's Age Is an Issue Again," to infer that Mr. Reagan or anyone else his age is too old to be president? I don't know who this doctor is, what

his qualifications are, or even if he exists. But I do know many young people who know little and remember less. Discrimination by age is a terrible thing.

The Bay of Pigs was a failure because President Kennedy delegated too much authority, causing him to lose control. Is this to be blamed on premature aging? President Reagan has had six years of solid accomplishment. He also was as vigorous as any man could be during the recent elections. All Mr. Reston has done with his article is to take a cheap shot at the president. ROBERT PREVIDL

By Taft H. Broome Jr. This is the first of two articles.

The debate is largely over four moral codes: Cicero's stipulation of public welfare as the paramount value, and

three rival points of view. The most defensible moral position in opposition to Cicero is based on revolutionary ideas about what engineering is. It assumes that engineering is always an experiment involving the public as human subjects. It suggests that engineer-

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ing decisions are always made with in-sufficient scientific information.

In this new view, the risks taken by people who depend on engineers are not merely risks over some error of scientific principle. More important, and inevitable, is the risk that the engineer, con-fronted with a novel technological problem, will incorrectly judge which precedent that worked in the past can be accessfully applied this time.

These moral ideas go to the heart of understanding how we arrived at the technology that surrounds us.

Most of the codes of ethics adopted by engineering professional societies ce with Cicero that the engineer shall hold paramount the safety of the public. But undermining this is the conviction of virtually every engineer that risk-free engineering can never be achieved. So public safety can never be guaranteed.

A noteworthy exception to engineers' reverence for Cicero's code is that of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the largest of the engineering professional societies in America. Its code includes Cicero's, but adds three other imperatives opposing him, without giving a way to resolve conflicts between these four paths.

The first imperative challenging Cic-

ero's approach is called the "contractarian" code. Its advocates note that contracts on paper exist between engineers and their employers or clients. They deny that any contract exists, implied or explicit, between them and the public.

The first principle for adherents of the contractarian code is the honoring of "real" contracts, leaving the safety of the public to their employers, or clients, When engineers fit the Ford Pinto's

gas tank with insufficient protection to survive rear-end collisions, or when engineers at Chernobyl adhered to specifications for the plant that did not include a containment structure to keep radiation from spreading in case of an accident, or when Morton Thiokol engineers reported the O-ring defect to their superiors rather than to the astronauts, deference was given to the contract imperative, rather than to the public safety. But the contractarian imperative is

flawed by two contradictory sentiments. The first denies outright that the problems with modern technology are the responsibilities of engineers. In his 1976 book "The Existential Pleasures of

Engineering." Samuel Florman suggests that the responsibility lies with the public. It is they, he argues, who "commissioned engineers to invent" technology.

The other sentiment is that engineers, as professionals who alone possess the highest degree of expertise for controlling technology, are subject to a Nuremberg-like principle: Regardless of what one's contracts with employers or clients may stipulate, or what public law may say, professionals are personally responsible for the effects their practices have on public bealth and welfare.

This leads to the second moral position in opposition to Cicero's position: the "personal judgment" imperative. Its advocates hold that in a free society the interests of business and government are always compatible with, or do not conflict with, the public interest.

There is only the illusion of such conflicts, they argue, owing to the efforts of self-interest groups; or of the business or government persons who act unlawfully in their own interests without the knowledge and consent of business or government: or of reactionaries impassioned by the loss of loved ones or property due

to business-related accidents. The central question for "personal judgment" adherents is: In what measure shall the interests of the public, business and government be served? Shall engineering work always secure business profits? In the case of the Ford Pinto, that would mean that business would be allowed to atone for its technological mistakes with lawsuit pavoifs payoffs which may not be severe enough

to discourage incompetent engineering. To deal with these questions, "personal judgment" advocates urge engineers to achieve balance in the degrees to which their service satisfies these various interests. They say this can be accomplished by an engineer using common sense founded on traditional values such

as honesty, integrity and fair play. Undermining this imperative is the absence of a formula for distinguishing good balances from bad ones.

The third rival to Cicero-style morality follows from new ideas about the basic nature of engineering. These ideas are lethal to Cicero's agenda. For this approach has a correct premise: Engineering is neither an applied science nor any other kind of science.

The writer is director of the Large Space Structures Institute at Howard University and chairman of the ethics committee of the American Association of Engineering Societies. He contributed this comment to The Washington Post.

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General News

Kenya Is Moving to Increase Moi's Power

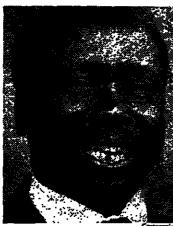
New York Times Service NAIROBI - The Kenyan authorities have been placing more and more power in the hands of President Daniel arap Moi and the nation's sole political party, and some church leaders and other critics are warning that such steps border on totalitarianism in a country

that professes to be a democracy. The Patliament of Kenya, a pro-Western nation that has long stood as a symbol of relative stability in Airica, unanimously approved a constitutional amendment last week that stripped the security of tenure from the powerful posts of attorney general and auditor general. The attorney general is the country's chief legal officer, and the auditor general oversees its ac-

Tenure had been provided to protect the officeholders from political pressure. Mr. Moi, whose power has grown steadily in the last party was more powerful than any four years, now has the legal power to dismiss them.

One member of Parliament was barred from taking part in the final vote on the bill after he spoke openly against the change and refused to withdraw a remark that members had been subjected to intimidation in the current session.

The bill was passed after a public debate over whether Parliament or the ruling party held supreme power. Mr. Moi, whose government, like many others in Africa, is hos-



Daniel arap Moi

tile to political dissent, tried to end the debate by declaring that the

other institution in the Kenya, including Parliament and the courts. "As president of the party," said Mr. Moi, whose pronouncements normally have the force of law, "I appoint high court judges, provin-cial commissioners, district com-missioners, the vice president and others. The party is supreme."

But Roman Catholic bishops in the country said in a letter to Mr. cause instability in Kenya, whose discussions at all levels of society to government has undertaken in re-

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down on polítical dissidents since a failed coup in 1982.
Some Kenyans and foreigners view the bishops' letter as heightening tensions between state and church. The president and his supporters have accused church lead-ers of intruding into politics.

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The bishops, who represent about three million Catholics in Kenya, a nation of 20 million people, said they were "conscious of a certain inadequacy of dialogue in Most that these recent moves could the country," and they called for

They voiced concern over assertions that the power of the party was paramount and that those who thought otherwise were considered

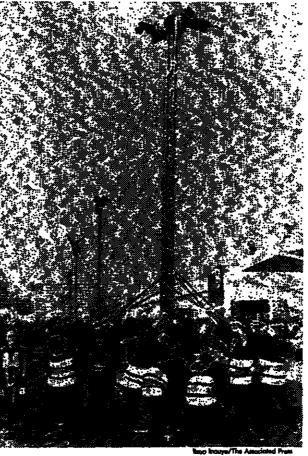
"At present," the bishops said, discussion is precluded by the allegations of powerful party officials that any questioning of the system is tantamount to disloyalty. Already the party is assuming a totalitarian role. It claims to speak for the people and yet does not allow the people to give their views.

"We see the Constitution as a guarantee of peace and stability. We are alarmed at calls from politicians to change the Constitution and at the case with which this can be effected. We are not constitutional lawyers, but we instinctively fear that any suggestions that the Constitution is easily changed will

lead to instability."

The influential Law Society of Kenya and the National Christian Council of Kenya, representing about six million Protestants, also publicly criticized the amendment as a trend toward the erosion of

democracy. Kenyan critics of the govern-ment assert that hundreds have been detained in Mr. Mor's drive to root out the dissidents and that the authorities have been guilty of detentions without trial, sentencing defendants to prison without access to legal counsel, holding people without saying that they were in custody and torturing prisoners.



FLYING FIREFIGHTERS — Japanese firemen in traditional dress performed Tuesday on bamboo ladders during the New Year's review of Tokyo's Fire Brigades.

Paris Ponders How to Respond in Chad

By Edward Cody

thington Post Service PARIS - The French government is facing a new challenge in Chad following the recent attack by Libyan MiG-23 fighter-bombers on a settlement in territory de-

weighing an "appropriate re-sponse" to the bombing Sunday of Arade ito the bombing Sunday of Arada, in a central Chadian zone France-Presse reported from Pans. controlled by President Hissène Habre with French military and

political protection. But French officials have sought discourage speculation that an unediate bombing of Libyan targets in Chad or Libya was likely "in

the heat of the moment." Foreign Minister Jean-Bernard Ramond of France, explaining the role of French forces stationed in Chad, said recently that they would respond to my Libyan attack in the termory south of the 16th parallel that roughly cuts the country in

control the area to the north. France has a detachment of planes in Chad. But France did not because Ourn Chalouba is near Kaseek to intercept the Libyan MiGs lait, a Chadian base where French

that attacked Sunday. [A communique from the Libyan for Chadian forces involved in the People's Bureau in Paris said Tues- Fada attack Friday. Freigh officials have said that day that if Libyan forces had to President François Mitterrand and Prime Minister Jacques Chirac are Libya had previously denied carry-

ing out any bombing raid.]
Prench officials said four of Libya's Soviet-made MiG-23 jets carried out the bombing at about 2 P.M. Sunday. The attack killed one person and wounded four, all

Chadians, they said. Another town south of the 16th parallel, Oun Chalouba, was hit by a bomb at the same time. Chadian officials told reporters in the capital, Ndjamena, that this incident apparently was caused by one of apparently was caused by one or include all appears and the Changan the same four planes releasing a capital. The Changan rebel leader Army as violent but gave no details

half. Libya and Chadian rebels bomb on its way back to a Libyan dropped out of sight because he control the area to the north. This was considered significant

> troops helped set up a supply base recovering the rest of northern Chad from the control of Libyan troops and Chadian rebels allied

> with Colonel Moanmar Gadhafi. the Libyan leader. Although the French government has vowed to keep its forces south of the 16th parallel, French military assistance was believed essential to Mr. Habre's advance

northward last week. In an interview with the Paris newspaper Liberation, Colonel Gadhafi on Monday denied reports that the main rebel leader, Goukonni Oneddei, was put under house arrest in Tripoli, the Libyan

"or something like this," Colonel Gadhafi told the interviewer.

Colonel Gadhafi also said he had sent "a few hundred" soldiers to northern Chad to rescue a group of technicians he said were held prisoner there. Until now, Colonel Gadhafi had denied that Libyan troops are in the country.

■ New Clashes Reported Chad announced Tuesday that violent clashes broke out in the north Monday between government forces and Libyan troops, Reuters reported from Ndjamena.

A statement from Chad's military high command read at an anti-Libya demonstration in Ndjamena said the fighting broke out between the towns of Bardai and Zouar, in the Tibesti mountains of northwestern Chad.

It described the clashes between Libvan soldiers and the Chadian



of casualties or duration of the

There was no independent confirmation of the fighting and it was the first time Mr. Habre's men have been reported so far north.

On Monday, the Chadian Army announced that it had shot down a Libyan MiG-23 jet over the Saharan casis town of Fada in north-eastern Chad. The announcement, broadcast over the Chadian radio. provided no details on how the MiG-23 was shot down. Chadian forces are equipped with anti-air-

Margaret Laurence, 60, a Canadian Novelist, Is Dead

TORONTO - Margaret Laurence, 60, a novelist who influenced Canadian literature for a quarter of a century, died Monday of cancer. Mrs. Laurence lived in Africa for seven years in the 1950s and wrote a travel book, a novel and short stories based on her experience

"The Stone Angel," in 1964, became the first in a cycle of five works called the Manawaka novels.
"A Jest of God," "The Fire-Dwell-"A Bird in the House" and The Diviners" followed.

Other deaths: from 1980 to 1982, on Friday in

Warren Scripps Booth, 92, former president, publisher and board chairman of The Detroit News, on Sunday in Miami after a brief ill-

Embarrasses Leaders, **Sets Rumors Swirling** By James Brooke

Lagos Editor's Death

New York Times Service LAGOS - The killing of a Nigerish editor more than two months ago has become a major embarrass-

ment for the government of President Ibrahim Babangida. Mourning a man most of them never met. thousands of Nigerians have flooded the office of Newswatch, Nigeria's largest news magazine, with letters mourning the death of Dele Giwa.

Mr. Giwa, the magazine's 39-year-old editor, was killed Oct. 19 by a powerful package bomb sent to his home. In a nation generally regarded to have black Africa's freest and most diverse press, the kill-ing has grown into a political liability for General Babangida. The incident has east a shadow

over Nigeria's generally clean hu-man rights image. The government has got to get this monkey off their back," one diplomat said It is generally agreed that Mr. Giwa's combative style of journalism, learned in eight years spent in New York, proved too peppery for someone in Nigeria. But with no suspects in jail and the police working in secrecy, Nigerians have be-

come sleuths in a national whodim-

Some suspect Nigeria's military intelligence agency, the State Secunity Service. Two days before his ago, when a foreign-exchange death, Mr. Give was called in by shortage limited the imports of the intelligence agency for the fourth time in a year to answer questions about his coverage of a home-grown version, News-

sensitive political topics. Others point to Mr. Giwa's exposes of corrupt Nigerian businessmen and drug dealers who have turned Lagos into a transit point for heroin to the West.

And others, noting that this is the first parcel-bomb killing in memory in Lagos, look with suspicion on a group of Israeli security experts who train and advise Nigeria's presidential guard.

Although Mr. Giwa's killing remains unsolved, it is clear that Nigeria has suffered a trauma deep enough to cross the tribal and geographic divisions of the fractious nation of 100 million people.

"The entire country was stunned; we are getting thousands Nguyen Hun Mai, 73, Vietnam's of letters from all over Nigeria, ambassador to the Soviet Union said Ray Ekpu, the new editor in chief, as he sat in the office he inherited from Mr. Giwa.

Wole Soyinka, the Nigerian playwright who recently won the Nobel Prize in Literature, set up a national reward fund to try to find

On Nov. 8, the day of Mr. Giwa's funeral, all Nigerian newspapers came out with black mastheads. It was the first such tribute since 1976, when the president, General

Murtala Ramat Muhammed, was

Nigeria's grief over Mr. Giwa's death seems spurred in part by the average man's identification with the editor. Mr. Giwa's father was a laundryman who paid his son's school fees by washing the clothes of teachers at Oduduwa College in Ife, about 140 miles (225 kilometers) northeast of Lagos, where the younger Mr. Giwa was editor of the

school newspaper.
Mr. Giwa traveled to New York in 1971, supporting himself by working in a plastics factory and by driving taxis. In his free time, be earned a degree in English from Brooklyn College.

He later carned a master's degree public communications from Fordham University and worked as a news clerk for The New York

In 1979, Mr. Giwa returned to Mr. Giwa's independent and abrasive style as editor of The Sun-

day Concord landed him in jail for two weeks in 1983, when Nigeria was under civilian rule. Two years Time and Newsweek magazines. Mr. Giwa and Mr. Ekpu launched The magazine grew to have an

of the largest in Africa. Acerbic reporting increased sales. Two weeks before Mr. Giwa's death, the Newswatch cover story was titled: "Nigeria - Why Nothing Works." Two months after Mr. Giwa's funeral, Mr. Ekpu said, police in-

estimated circulation of 50,000, one

Meanwhile, Lagos newspapers continue a low-key campaign: In odd corners of their pages are little boxes that read, "Who Killed Dele

vestigations are "just moving in cir-

South Korean Plans Trip The Associated Press

SEOUL - Prime Minister Lho Shin Yong of South Korea is to visit the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Denmark and Italy beginning Jan. 20 to promote economic and diplomatic ties, the government said Tuesday. The tour is to

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By Anna Kisselgoff New York Tunes Service

WHEN Serge Lifar was first introduced to the dancers in the Paris Opéra Ballet in 1929, their attitude toward the new Russian guest star from Diaghilev's recently disbanded Ballets Russes was decidedly hostile. Within a few hours of rehearsal, however. their future director already felt at home. Looking back later upon his relationship with the company, Lifar saw himself as "a sort of happy shepherd."

Lifar's flock, in fact, remained unusually loyal during the nearly 30 years he reigned as head of the Paris Opera Ballet. A controversial figure whose self-advertising personality may have hindered a balanced appreciation of his schievements, Lifar has been easily scorned by British and American critics who - unlike the French - have not seen the majority of his ballets. In most cases, they did not see Lifar at his dancing peak.

His death in Lausanne on Dec. 15 at the age of 81 is a reminder again that Lifar's career - with all its contradictions - needs to be placed in perspective. Universally dubbed one of ballet's greatest egocentrics (even by his admirers), he has also been recognized (even by his detractors) as the major figure in the renewal of 20th-century French ballet. Yet, perhaps in the long run he will and should be remembered for ideas and actions that were forerunners of many premises we now take for granted in dance.

Born on April 2, 1905, in Kiev, the son of a civil servant. Lifar began studying ballet at the late age of 16. A friend took him to the private school of Brouislava Nijinska in the Ukranian capital. Nijinska rejected him, but he managed to get into the classes she taught in the state-run Central Studio of the Kiev Opera Ballet, which she then directed.

When Nijinska rejoined Diaghilev's company in 1921 and sent for five of her best male pupils from Kiev, Lifar substituted himself for one who dropped out. As a dancer and, later, budding choreographer in the Ballets Russes from 1923 until Diaghilev's death in 1929, he was clearly the impresario's favorite. Diaghilev sent him to study with Enrico Cecchetti in Turin to make up for his lack of classical training

Despite his late start. Lifar had an unassailable stage presence. In a company that was totally experimental, he was perfect material. Nowhere was this more evident than in the young George Balanchine's ballets. Beginning with "Barabau" (1925), a comic ballet to a sung cantata in which Lifar was a police sergeant chasing an Italian peasant, he was cast in most of Balanchine's ballets. This historical fact was recalled by Balanchine many times in recent years whenever he was accused of not having created major roles for men during his career. The premieres of Lifar's choreography — the execution of "Apollo" and "The Prodigal Son," of course, his ideas — did not receive universal recognifeatured Lifar in the title role.

Lifar also danced in the numbers Balan-chine created for Charles B. Cochran's revue in London in 1930. A year earlier, however, Lifar had been invited to dance in the Paris Opéra Ballet's version of Beethoven's "The Creatures of Prometheus." Balanchine, the original choreographer, fell ill, and Lifar took over the choreography. In 1931, at the invitation of Jacques Rouche, the Opera's director, Lifar officially became ballet master and dancer. He was director until 1945, when charges of collaboration with the Germans - not helped by his own boasts of high connections with German authorities caused him to leave and become director of the Nouveau Ballet de Monte Carlo. Cleared but given a year's suspension, he returned as director of the Paris Opéra Ballet in 1947. The condition was that he not dance on stage, given postwar feelings. In 1949, he danced again, and his last performance at the Opera was as Albrecht in "Giselle" in 1956. He resigned as director in 1958.

No factual account can quite convey the passions Lifar engendered. These were rooted in his artistic ideas, not merely in his wellpublicized escapades nor on his penchant for creating roles for himself.

But it was his serious side that caused the deepest controversy. He held high the banner of neoclassicism in ballet and campaigned to make choreography an independent art. In the age of Balanchine, this is a familiar aesthetic. But it must be remembered that Lifar publicized this viewpoint in the 1930s, when it was far from accepted.

In retrospect, the ideas of Lifar, Nijinska and Balanchine are remarkably close. The academic idiom was a springboard for innovation. Dancing was to be the prime element in ballet Early on, Lifar recognized Nijinska's insistence on the autonomy of ballet technique - that its formal values had their

Lifar publicly went further. Dance, as an independent art, could exist without music, he proclaimed in a manifesto in 1935, as much as 15 years before modern dancers, including Merce Cunningham, came to the same conclusion. Lifar realized these ideas in "Icare" (1935), his most famous ballet. He choreographed the work to no music — only a percussion score based on his rhythmic

Lifar also added what he called the sixth and seventh positions to ballet's five basic foot positions. In the sixth, the feet were parallel - Lifar often gave his ballerinas plies on toe in this position. In the seventh position, one foot was behind the other in single file. We saw it in the archaic profile with shoulder held forward in the Paris Opera Ballet's revival of "Les Mirages," seen in New York last year.

Lifar's choreography — the execution of tion. In part this was because, unlike Balan-



Lifar in "Icare," staged for the Paris Opéra Ballet, 1935.

chine and Nijinska, he insisted on dancing and choreographed often to his own capabilities. More important, he had never acquired the full lexicon of classical training they had received in St. Petersburg. Whether he had the requisite genius is another issue.

Nonetheless, the seriousness of his endeayour should not be questioned. One has only to recall the decadent image of the Paris Opera Ballet when he took over. He battled with the concept of the Opera "as a drawing room" where people came to socialize, and he sought to make ballet more than trivial entertainment. His first order was that the house chandeliers be extinguished during performances. Male dancers were ordered to shave off mustaches, ballerinas forbidden to wear personal jewelry on stage. He ended the practice of using the infamous Foyer de la Danse as meeting ground between ballet girls and admirers. He inaugurated a full evening of ballet every Wednesday, along with "ballet months."

By all accounts, he was charismatic as a who did things his way.

young dancer. His dark exotic looks and athletic body gave him an animal intensity. A child's-eve view is unreliable, but in 1949, on a trip to Paris, I saw his portly but stilldramatic presence dominate the stage in 'Icare." The image remains.

In 1985, I saw the Ballet de Nancy perform his "Phèdre," with its libretto and decor by Jean Cocteau. Alternately broken-lined and academic, the choreography needed better dancers, but the ballet's conception was fascinating. Lifar's major neoclassical ballet different from his mostly allegorical works - is "Suite en Blanc," to be performed in May by the Opéra's école de danse.

During the 1979 Bournouville Festival in Copenhagen, I found myself sitting next to Lifar and then met him again in 1982 at Gilberte Cournand's Galerie de la Danse in Paris. Somewhat bitter, he expressed concern that he would be forgotten. History, however, will make a place for Lifar as a serious contributor to 20th-century ballet — one

Ibsen's Grim Last Laugh

By Robert Cushman ONDON - More than any oth-ONDON — More than any oth-er Ibsen play, "Ghosts" tells its story through progressive revela-tion of the past: all very gripping the first time you see it and all very wearying thereafter. Nor are Ibin themselves to hold us, though his defense of the questioning and in-dependent spirit against the dead hand of received authority grows more pertinent daily. What we need is revelation of character. We

want to see people not just cleverly revealing their past but growing in

front of us in the present. In the production at Wyndham's, Vanessa Redgrave as Mrs. Alving travels further than any ac-tress I have seen in the role. She shows us a woman who has all the intelligence and resourcefulness in the world, but still has to learn how to use them. Her education consists of shedding the illusions that the respectable world calls ideals. Love for her drunken husband died long before he did. Pastor Manders, the man she has always wanted, backs away from her. Her enlightened ideas themselves prove to be illusory. We leave her facing the last taboo as her son lies helpless in the grip of the syphilis that was his father's only real bequest to him. She may or may not administer

Rederave in the last seconds goes through the motions of choice and they look equally agonizing. She never, it seems, acts on automatic pilot. The performance is freshly created as you watch. There can be rough edges, and at times she seems absurdly youthful and free-flowing for a 19th-century Norwegian chatelaine. But the essence of this Mrs. Alving is the discovery of freedom hence the potency of her scenes with Tom Wilkinson's pastor, who retreats terrified into his shell as she emerges from hers. He is a robust man who chooses to be weak: a fool who ends up gratefully embracing his

The current between these two is so electric that one rather resents the intrusion of the other characters: an Oswald who shouts all the time and a Jacob Engstrand, the crooked carpenter, who suffers from terminal good taste, spurning all the easy laughs that Ibsen, who knew the value of a comic villain, has so generously offered him. An excessive virtue also afflicts the set: all bare walls and no atmosphere. elemental or domestic.

In one respect Ibsen has had a grim last laugh. We can no longer dismiss as dated a play that enlists venereal disease as an agent of destruction. No AIDS play could predevastating clarity.

The National Theatre's two biggest successes of last year were American family pieces, both auto-biographical, both set in the De-pression; Neil Simon's "Brighton Beach Memoirs," now transferred to the Aldwych, and Arthur Miler's "The American Clock," promoted from the Cottesloe to the Olivier, where it has acquired sever-THE LONDON STAGE

al extra actors and a revolving stage, all of which fill out Peter

Wood's production very moely. Miller's play is now billed as a vandeville, acknowledging the importance of period songs to the show's appeal.

But though the staging works as well as ever, the play does not. The split focus is far more damaging on a bigger stage. The play brings in too many extraneous characters to be a tight family drama, too few to be a comprehensive American epic. Miller acknowledges a debt to Studs Terkel's book "Hard Times": wondered what the company might have achieved if they had worked out their own play from the based theater critic and broad

book. Some of them here the back-into the smugly energestated imina-tion-Yankery that I thought had died out years ago, but others are excellent: Neil Daglish as the young Miller-figure, Barry James funny as an aspening songwiter ("Just let me write one hit, monma") and, above all, Sara Kestel-man as the materiantilias, stretched until she breeks. That is one of the play's many good scenes. But when her son tells us that she symbolizes the American mentality, it won't wash. She may do so, but he hasn't left himself time to prove the point.
The Jeromes, alias Simons, of
Brighton Beach are far standier creations, probably among the endur-ing families of modern drame. Simon's craftsmanship has never been firmer or more apparently re-laxed, and be never bulles us to laugh, though of course we do. We believe in the economics, too. The production has two new lead actresses. Susan Engel has the sound and the shape of the Jewish

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Robert Customan is a London-

mother but not the terrifyingly il-

logical authority. Derothy Tutin plays the widowed Aunt Blanche with great transloss charm.

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General News

Arafat Denounces West Bank Aid Plan

New York Times Service

BAGHDAD — Yasser Arafat has denounced a Jordanian program (or Palestinians in Israeli-occupied territories, declaring that the United States and Israel would use the plan to impose "a de facto normalization of relations" between Jordan and Israel.

Mr. Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization. also cautioned the Arab countries against supporting the plan, contending that it would mean "an acceptance of the continuation of the Israeli occupation for at least five years or even longer."
"We are against the so-called de-

velopment program which is currently being implemented in the occupied territories because we cannot possibly believe that our enemy is really concerned about the development of our land" while it is under Israeli occupation, Mr. Arafat said in an interview here Saturday.

Jordanian officials have portrayed their \$1.4 billion program as the only way to prevent an Israeliforced exodus of Palestinians from the occupied West Bank to Jordan.

The five-year development plan, which would focus primarily on bousing for the Palestinians, has been viewed as a way for Jordan to reassert its legal responsibility for the West Bank, which Israel has occupied since 1967, by providing an alternative source of aid.

Ryzhkov Arrives in Helsinki

The Associated Press HELSINKI - Prime Minister Nikolai I. Ryzhkov of Russia arrived here Tuesday to begin his first visit in the West.

DEATH NOTICE

TUBBS, Helene McGILL the Director and member of the Sol diers', Sarlors' and Airmen's Club deeph dicts. Sailors' and Airmen's Club deeply regret the passing after a long illness of its beloved Director. Helene McGill Tubbs of N.Y. Mrs. Tubbs was well-known in both America and Rome during the 1940's and 1950's as a very successful society singer. She was particularly prominent as a figure in the international movie set. Her support of the Sokliers. Sailors' and Airmen's Club was legendary. She is survived by her cousin, Mr. Sy Mack of Minneapolis, where she was born. Memorial services where she was born. Memorial services will be held on Wednesday, January 7th at 10:30 a.m. at the Church of Saint Monica, 413E, 79th St., N.Y. 10021, Any monical 413E, 79th St., N.Y. (0021, Any memorial contributions are suggested to be made to the Saint Monica's Organ Restoration Fund, or the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Club, 283 Lexington Ave., New York 10016 RIP, Ivan Obolensky, President Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Club.

Jordan outlined its plan in the summer, a few months after the collapse of an agreement between King Hussein and Mr. Arafat to jointly seek negotiations for a Middle East peace. The development program has been attacked from the beginning by radical Palestin-

ian leaders and others. These critics have accused Jordan of trying to create its own Pal-estinian leadership in the territory as a prelude to sharing power with

Until Saturday, Mr. Arafat, who retains support among Palestinians living in the occupied West Bank and Gaza, had not publicly denounced the plan. Contributions from Arab gov-

ernments ran out in the spring, and Mr. Arafat's objections are likely to hurt Jordanian efforts to solicit more money from them.

By Axel Krause

PARIS -At the heart of France's worsen-

ing strike of public workers is a question that

extends far beyond the state-owned SNCF

railroad system and holding the line on

wages: Is it possible to change and eventual-

ly reduce long-established privileges, work-ing habits and benefits of five million state

No previous French government has

launched a major effort to address that issue.

But for the conservative government of

Prime Minister Jacques Chirac, reducing the

costs in the state-controlled sector, which

represents about 30 percent of France's gross

national product, and making it more effi-

cient, is crucial for stimulating the economy.

That explains why the government re-mains determined to implement a pay scale

based on merit, rather than on seniority, at

trolled enterprises. The original plan for the

railway was suspended last week, but union

leaders are convinced it will reappear soon in

The railroad program, aides to Mr. Chirac

and government officials emphasized, was only a first step in providing the SNCF greater flexibility in managing its 230,000 employees and, above all, reducing costs.

The railroad has not earned a profit since

1969, but last year it reduced its loss to an estimated 3.4 billion francs (\$532 million)

from 4.4 billion francs in 1985. Before the

strike began, the railroad had hoped to be in

However, most employees of the SNCF and other state-owned enterprises, such as

the postal and telecommunications author-

the SNCF and possibly in other state-

another form.



GUARDING AGAINST THE COLD - A soldier of the bonorary guard in Helsinki wears a mask in the face of temperatures as low as minus 22 degrees Fahrenheit.

Backed by national unions, they are challenging what has been called "the Chirac prises.

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revolution," which is based on reducing the

role of the state in the economy and restoring

At the Gare du Nord in Paris, where the

"We have built up a system of privileges

strike began Dec. 18, a striking railroad engi-

and benefits, and we are determined to keep

it that way, whatever Mr. Chirac or the

The scope of the problem was first out-

lined several years ago by a best-selling book, "Toujours Plus," or "Always More," which

has sold about one million copies and is still

The author, François de Closets, a televi-

sion commentator on economic affairs, said that what had been accumulated by workers

at the SNCF, the Paris Métro, the electricity

enterprises was extraordinarily costly to tax-

ing deliberately hidden from most of the

Workers in most of those sectors were

either still striking Tuesday or planned work stoppages in the next several days. Their spokesmen said they were primarily protest-ing the government's determination to hold

down overall wage increases to around 3

But they quickly added they were equally

determined to fight plans aimed at stream-

and gas utilities and in other state-controlled

payers. He said that the phenome

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companies to profitability.

SNCF management wants."

Behind the Strife: Chirac Trying to Change a System

Charter 77 Appeals for Democracy

PRAGUE - The Czechoslovak human rights group Charter 77 marked its 10th anniversary Tuesday with a call for people to try to cluding Vaclav Havel, a playcreate greater democracy in the Communist nation.

Charter 77, Eastern Enrope's oldest civil rights group, said in a six-page declaration that people had to act now to prevent change from being forced on them.

"If we wait until social conflicts grow to such an extent that change is forced on us by catastrophic events, then we would be acting against ourselves," it said. We must wake up from sleep,

not fall prey to a feeling of helpless ness," it added, appealing to all people to show courage and exercise their full rights as citizens under domestic and international law. The human rights group held a news conference to mark the anni-

versary despite a police operation to prevent it from taking place. Charter 77 sources said that at the group were detained to stop

other changes in benefit programs that they say are being planned within their enter-

At the RATP, the Paris Metro and bus

network, workers were not only seeking wage

increases but also were challenging a plan to

eliminate jobs based on productivity. Lead-

ers of the Communist-led General Confeder-

ation of Labor alleged that the RATP management was seeking to institute changes

similar to those at the railroad. That has been

repeatedly denied by the RATP manage

The benefits, many dating from the post-war period, include job security programs that emphasize advancement by seniority

and restrict newcomers, provide generous

travel allowances for employees and their families, tax advantages, special bonuses, re-duced rates on personal use of utilities as

well as employer-paid vacation and recrea-

These, Mr. de Closets said, had become

"like constitutional rights, intangible, per-petnal. They can only be negotiated up-wards, never downwards."

Noting that no previous conservative or

leftist governments had "dared" attempt a

change of the system, Mr. de Closets argued

that what had emerged were two major

He identified them as "those comfortably

installed in their fortress enterprises" and

at their precarious situation," a reference to

tors of the economy.

workers facing possible layoffs in other sec-

France's unemployment rate has stabi-

those facing uncertainty and unhappiness

groups in France's working population.

tion plans.

them from taking part in the con-ference, attended by 10 foreign The police prevented others, in-

wright, from leaving their homes Among those detained were Jiri Dienstbier, a former Charter 77 spokesman, Vaclav Maly and Anna Sabatova. Although fewer than 2,000 peo-

ple, mainly disaffected intellectuals and former Communist officials, have signed the charter, the au thorities acknowledge its impor-tance by continued harassment of those who work within the move-

One of three 1986 spokes Martin Palous, and one of the three appointed for 1987, Libuse Silhanova, addressed journalists who assembled later in a private apart-

They expressed hope for a gradual easing of the restrictions on po-litical change in Czechoslovakia over the past 17 years and said they were encouraged by reforms under

lized at 10.5 percent, representing about 2.5

Le Point, a weekly French magazine, de-

what it described as the "toujours plus" of the public sector, and it provided more detailed

description and analysis of what employees

Among examples: When workers at the

state-owned electricity and gas company marry they automatically draw "a marriage

bonus" of two month's salary and six days of

assignments, are paid a special bonus of between 1,000 and 1,200 francs per month,

but Le Point reported that now the bonns is

systematically paid to some 30,000 linemen,

even those who never go out on assignment."

borrowing for personal use, and from "social

services" that include company-supported recreation centers and camps throughout

The conclusion reached by Le Point re-

porters was that more transparency would help enormously in distinguishing between

"Justifiable advantages" and "corporatist

The Chirac government still has not spelled out details of how far it intended to

go in pursuing change of advancement pro-

But sources close to Mr. Chirac have re-

seatedly stated that he will not back down

before union pressure and that he has delib-

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cials turned off the apartment's electricity supply. As journalists left, their identity papers were inspected by the police.

Czechoslovakia's aging leadership, virtually unchanged since the Moscow-led invasion crushed the 1968 liberalization movement, has shown less enthusiasm than its Communist neighbors for the hints of change from the Soviet leader,

Explosion in Prague A powerful explosion rocked the State Planning Commission building in Prague on Tuesday, and witnesses said at least one person died in the blast, The Associated Press

Prague's evening newspaper Vecerni Praba said that five people were injured and that one person was still missing several hours after the 7 A.M. explosion.

The paper said the blast apparently was caused by an explosion of leaking gas.

Cuba Assailed for Repressing Media

WASHINGTON -A survey of

The annual survey by the Conncil on Hemispheric Affairs and The Newspaper Guild, released Mon-day, described the three countries as "dismal islands of repression," where journalists face "suppression, intimidation, beatings, arbitrary arrests, torture and outright

In addition, the report said that other, more subtle forms of control are common in the hemisphere, "including economic reprisals and incentives." In most Latin American countries, the report said, governments exercise considerable control over newsprint distribution and broadcasting equipment, and reporters in some countries — including Mexico - routinely take bribes to supplement their inadequate salaries.

While urging condemnation of the Sadinist government in Nicaragua for its suspension of the newspaper La Prensa, the report noted there may have been justification for the closure, since "fresh reports line on wages, and has indicated he will now show that La Preasa received return to pursuing reforms later, including at funding from the U.S. govern-

Chile, Paraguay,

ournalism in the Western Hemisphere lists Chile, Cuba and Paraguay as among the worst offenders against freedom of the press.

Files Are Said To Help Spot Nazi Suspects The Associated Press

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LOS ANGELES - Confidential postwar immigration files have elped turn up more than 150 new Nazi criminal suspects worldwide, including 44 in West Germany, according to a group that researches

Nazi arrocities. An official of the Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies predicted that the immigration documents would yield many more suspected Nazi criminals, including a large list of people living in the United States.

The documents, compiled by international relief agencies, including the International Red Cross. had been kept confidential to protect the privacy of refugees, Rabbi Marvin Hier, the Wiesenthal Cen-

ter dean, said Monday. "They wound up protecting the Nazis," he said.

The files were obtained about three months ago, the rabbi said. Since then, he said, the Wiesenthal Center has notified governments of at least seven nations, including West Germany, of suspected crimi nals living within their boundaries. He said the files disclosed 17 living in Britain, 50 in Australia, 26 in Canada, 13 in Sweden, 3 in Venezuela and 1, a Treblinka death camp guard, living in Brazil, Rabbi Hier said his staff would not disclose the names publicly.

A spokesman for the West German Justice Ministry, Jürgen Schmid, confirmed receipt of the list and said Chancellor Helmut Kohl's office had also received a

copy.
We are already checking it," he said. "After our check has been completed we will send the names to the appropriate prosecutors' offices for further investigation."

He said the names on the list also would be furnished to the Nazi Documentation Center in Ludwigsburg for additional screening.
"It can be that some of the

names on the list are already known here" or that some already had come up in legal cases, he said None of the names will be made public in West Germany unless prosecutors determine there is sufficient evidence to file charges or unless suspects have been charged

previously, Mr. Schmid said. King Fahd to Visit Britain Agence France-Presse

LONDON - King Fahd of Smidi Arabia will pay a visit to Britain from March 24 to March 27 at the invitation of Queen Elizabeth IL if we

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INTERNATIONAL MANAGER

Transfer Programs Help Spouses Find New Jobs, Too

By NANCY YOSHIHARA

Las Angeles Times Service

OS ANGELES — When an employee of a major bank in Chicago was asked to transfer to Los Angeles, her husband supported the move and decided to leave his job as a policeman to accompany her. But his search for an appropriate new career turned out to be one of the worst experiences of his life.

Finally, his frustration led him to attempt suicide.

Fortunately, there was help — in the form of the bank's

spousal assistance program for relocated employees. We worked with him for three months," recalled Pearl M. Tabbert, a career-management consultant whose Chicago company, Pearl M. Tabbert & Associates, came to the hus-

There are more dual-career families, and they likely will increase dramatically. band's rescue. "Within six

weeks, he connected with a job. He found a job he really liked, is in control of his life." While employee relocations seldom reach such a crisis point, helping a spouse find a new job is increasingly becoming a concern for major companies that frequently transfer workers. And programs designed to assist transferred spouses — male or female — with resumes, interviews and employment tips are getting more attention as part of relocation benefit packages.

There are more and more dual-income and dual-career families, and we are likely to see that increase dramatically in the future," said Anita Brienza of the Washington-based Employee Relocation Council, a group representing 10,000 corporate and independent relocation companies.

"There are more and more families where they work out some type of arrangement as to who is going to make the move," said James E. Challenger, president of Challenger, Gray & Christmas Inc. of Chicago. "It really is becoming a mutual decision whose careers should be governing, depending on who is easier to move."

Moreover, the second paycheck now accounts for a greater percentage — 40 or even 50 percent — of the family income. In an annual study, Runzheimer International, a Rochester, Wisconsin-based relocation specialist, surveyed 150 of the Fortune 500 companies and found that 44 percent offered job-search and the second relocation specialist. or career-counseling programs for spouses. That compared with

However, only 15 percent of those offering some spousal assistance had a formal program that appeared in their employment-policy manuals and was offered to all employees. The remaining 85 percent had more informal programs.

OT SURPRISINGLY, the survey showed that the more transfers there were within a corporation, the more likely the company was to have a formal assistance program. Similarly, smaller companies were less inclined to provide assistance than larger ones.

Companies, typically, will not volunteer information about spousal assistance programs. Dick Hamlin, of the Los Angeles consulting company of Thomas-Mangum Co., said that a company's willingness to assist a transferre's spouse depends on "one, how much a company wants the individual and two, how good a negotiator the new hire or transferee is."

Corporations are taking the low-profile approach to assistance programs because of the expense, with formal third-party sponse issistance programs costing from \$1,500 to \$5,000 an employee. But, the Runzheimer survey showed, the average cost for assisting

In the end, relocating can be costly for the transferee, too. The move is not necessarily perceived as a move up the promotion ladder, and giving up that second income is not easy.

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Rumors **Grow of** Hill Bid

Unknown Buyer Boosts Shares

By Warren Getler

LONDON - Speculation intensified Tuesday that a foreign company, possibly based in Australia or New Zealand, is accumulating shares in Hill Samuel Group PLC. a British merchant banking group, in what might signal a takeover bid.

Hill Samuel's share price has risen more than 60 pence from around 360 pence before Christmas.

The shares closed Tuesday at 426 pence, up 16 pence from Monday. Dolf Mootham, Hill Samuel's group finance director, said there had been buying on Monday and

"We don't know who has been

buying," he said. Mr. Mootham said that New Zealand Insurance Co., New Zea-land's largest insurer, had acquired under 3 percent of Hill Samuel's shares in recent months and ap-pears on its register of sharehold-

But, he said, there was no way of knowing whether NZI was behind this week's buying.

"Nobody has said they've acquired over 5 percent," of Hill Samuel outstanding shares, he said. Under British corporate law, a shareholding of 5 percent or more must be disclosed within three

At current market prices, a full takeover of Hill Samuel would cost an £392 million (\$577.6 million).

Although the buyer's identity is unknown, analysts said that Ord Minnet, a large Australian stock-brokerage that is 50-percent controlled by an Australian banking conglomerate, Westpac Banking Corp., appeared to be placing or-ders to acquire Hill Samuel shares on the London Stock Exchange.

Both Ord Minnet and Westpac representatives in London declined to comment. Speculation has pointed to Westpac as a potential buyer because the bank is known to seek diversification abroad.

Russell Middleton, menaging di-rector in the London office of McCaughan, Dyson & Co., an Austrolled by Australia-New Zealand Group, said: "If it were Westpac, I don't think Westpac would use its own broker to do the buying."



Little Minnetonka Shakes the Giants

Consumer-Products Firm Develops Third Success

By Steven Greenhouse with an unusual, often untested New York Times Service CHASKA, Minnesota -Minnetonka Corp. doesn't look like much: Its headquarters are

in an anonymous one-story cin-derblock building across from some comfields. But in the consumer-products industry, the company has churned out revolutionary new products that have thrown industry giants on the defensive.

Minnetonka, based just west of Minneapolis in Chaska (population 8,643), first made its mark in 1979, when it introduced Softsoap, the first mass-market liquid soap - and established a new product concept that joited the lackluster consumer-products industry.

Then came Minnetonka's Check-Up, the first anti-plaque toothpaste and the first in a pump dispenser. Now with risqué advertisements and a marketing blitz, its Obsession scent is fast becoming the second most popular fragrance in America, ochind Giorgio.

The company reached \$100 million in sales in 1985, and Robert R. Taylor, its chairman and founder, said they-should surpass \$200 million in 1986 and \$500 million within five years. Minnetonka's success, he said,

lies in a willingness - almost a

passion - to go out on a limb

Many large consumer-prodncts companies get caught up in structure, research and justifica-tion," he said, "They're always trying to do a thorough job of risk analysis.

"When they get all the facts together, though, they find they can't do away with all risks and they often end up either doing nothing or moving very slowly."

Still, Minnetonka's chief problem has been that whenever one of its innovations catches on, the big consumer-products compa-nies move to develop a similar product and grab a share of the market.

So Mr. Taylor, a 51-year-old native of Baltimore, works hard to stay one step ahead. He is hoping to capture 50 percent of the children's bubble bath market with a new Sesame Street bubble bath. (When someone suggested test-marketing it, he said: "Every kid knows what Sesame Street is.")

Mr. Taylor is optimistic about other new offerings, too: an antiplaque bubble gum, a wart remover and a treatment for thin-

ideas, some analysts warn that Minnetonka's growth may not be as quick as Mr. Taylor hopes.

For introducing a breakthrough

product is only the start, as the Check-Up toothpaste experience proved: When Minnetonka's toothpaste caught on, giant consumer-products companies trampled little Minnetonka's innovation with similar products of their own.

Some analysts also question how well an entrepreneur like Mr. Taylor will do as nuts-andbolts manager of an expanded

Mr. Taylor, a Stanford MBA, left his job as a Johnson & Johnson sales manager in 1964 to start the company, hiring dozens of women to handroll soap in his garage. His initial investment was \$3,000.

Until he got the idea for liquid soap in a pump bottle, Minnetonka was an offbeat company geared to hippies and people with huxury bathrooms. Early products included a yellow lemon-shaped soap, a green appleshaped soap, cocoa-butter soap wrapped in brown paper to look like a Hershey bar, along with sachets, fruit-scented shampoos and waxless candles.

His first real breakthrough came one day when he was driving to work. "I thought how ugly. bar soap is, and how it usually messes up the bathroom." Mi Taylor recalled. "I thought, Why not a high-quality liquid See MINNETONKA, Page 9

BankAmerica Snubs Merger, Vows to Fight

of BankAmerica Corp. have unanimously rejected a merger proposal 1986. from First Interstate Bancorp with a stated value of \$3.2 billion and

vowed to fight for independence.
"We're going to come out fighting with everything we have," said
A.W. Clausen, BankAmerica's
chairman and chief executive offi-

The company, parent of troubled Bank of America, the second-largest U.S. hank, also said late Monday that it would soon file a registration statement for raising additional capital by issuing new stock. It did not say how much it hoped to raise or how it would market the shares.

First Interstate, in a statement later, said it would "continue to study the situation and review its options." Its name had been linked with that of BankAmerica since ast March, well before it launched

its initial bid in October. First Interstate, based in Los Angeles, has indicated that, pending regulatory approval, it plans to go ahead with its bid of \$21 in securi-

ties for each BankAmerica common share. BankAmerica's rejection had been expected. The board previously asked First Interstate to with-

Mr. Clausen called the First In-terstate proposal "wholly inade-quate, highly conditional, of ques-tionable marketability and clearly not in the best interests" of share-

holders or customers. He and other other bank officials said the bank's financial adviser, Salomon Brothers, had found the offer to be financially inadequate. Also, BankAmerica officials said, the offer is worth less than \$21 a share because the combination of securities being offered by First In-

terstate is of questionable value.
If shareholders could get \$17 in cash for them, I think they'd be lucky," said Frank N. Newman, BankAmerica's chief financial officer. "Those securities are a joke."

As for raising capital, BankAmerica has been reluctant to initiate a common-stock offering because the price of its stock is would further dilute the value, Mr. Clausen said that it was too soon to talk about specifics.

He said that BankAmerica would return to operating profitability in 1987, meaning that the bank would be profitable even without nonrecurring gains from

But he said it was unlikely that the bank this year would restore its common stock dividend, which it

Mexico Begins Futures Market 7.5 On Peso Rate

United Press Intern MEXICO CTTY - Mexico's central bank has begun a futures market on the peso-dollar exchange rate, allowing businesses to bedge against curren-

cy fluctuations. The market allows businesses to buy six-month certificates for so-called controlled dollars at the peso price of the day, locking in what is expected to be a stronger rate than the peso would have in six months. It is understood that a secondary

market will be developed. Central bank sources said the market moved moderately in the first day of trading Monday but had no figures on the number of certificates purchased. The controlled dollar is used

in Mexican international commercial transactions and its rate is set daily by the Bank of Mexico. There is also a free-market rate, but the controlled market ecounts for 75 percent of dollar transactions in Mexico.

Dollars in the controlled market increased against the peso by almost 150 percent during 1986, going from 372 pesos to the dollar on Dec. 30, 1985, to 925 on Dec. 30, 1986. On Monday, the rate was also pegged at 925. Financial analysts have attributed the increase in large part to Mexico's inflation rate, which the government estimates will be as high as 105 percent for 1986.

SAN FRANCISCO - Directors its huge losses - about \$600 mil-

BankAmerica officials did not say how they would light the pro-posal from First Interstate. [Analysts agree that any hostile takeover battle will be fierce, saying that BankAmerica is probably ready to light back, Reuters report-

ed from Los Angeles. [Analysts were unsure whether First Interstate would respond immediately.

[While some argued that immediate action, pending regulatory approval, might prove damaging. others said that First Interstate could not afford to wait much longer before making a hostile bid.]

Guinness Warns Firm to Return £7.6 Million

LONDON - Guinness PLC has asked for the return of £7.6 million (\$11.1 million at current exchange rates) that it said has been held by the merchant banking firm Henry Ansbacher & Sons Ltd. since May and will sue if the money is not repaid by Jan. 20, Guinness' lawyer. Sir David Napley, said Tues-

Guinness said the money had been deposited at Ansbacher at the successful end of its £2.7 billion bid for Distillers Co. Ansbacher has said the money was used to buy 2.15 million Guinness shares during the takeover battle with Argyll Group PLC.

Asked if the bank would return the money to Guinness, a spokesman for Ansbacher re-plied: "No." He said that when the funds were received they were used immediately to buy the Guinness shares.

Tuesday evening a company spokesman said some directors ad ended a meeting, though to have been with Guinness chairman Ernest Saunders.

Mr. Saunders has been under pressure to resign since the government began investigating Guinness shareholding transac-tions during the Distillers bid.

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Semiconductor Industry Failing, U.S. Reports It concludes that the Japanese now have a examples of foreign dependency, and the con-echnological lead in most silicon products, cerns attached to such dependency, include the

By Andrew Pollack

New York Times Service
SAN FRANCISCO — America's semiconductor manufacturers, the linchpin of the nation's electronics industry, are rapidly falling behind their Japanese competitors, according 1.8157 * to a variety of experts and government docu-

ments assessing the situation.

And while many experts have wondered whether the industry could maintain its techno-2574 6467 LANDS 23472 431829 1.2460 171464 2342 742 8146. 24678 493671 1.9861 195372 Closings in Landon and Zurich, fixings in other European centers. New York rates at 4 P.M. logical lead over Japan, the question now being asked is whether the U.S. makers of semiconductors — the tiny silicon chips that are the Christicy per U.S.S.
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An assessment by the Central Intelligence Agency concluded that "we believe the U.S. semiconductor industry is at a crucial turning point in its history. It fundamentally cannot compete in its present form."

Moreover, experts say, the decline poses a serious commercial problem, both because semiconductors are an important industry in their own right and because they are the key to many even larger industries that use the chips. A report by a panel of the Defense Science Board, a scientific adviser to the Pentagon, is expected to recommend that the Defense De-partment spend almost \$2 billion over five years. A draft summary of the report and minutes of one of the panel's meetings were provid-

ed by sources who asked to remain unidenti-

fied. The report is to be released this month or

technological lead in most silicon products, with the exception of customized logic chips and microprocessors. But even in those areas, the U.S. lead is narrowing. Japan also leads in non-silicon products, such as opto-electronic circuits that process light as well as electricity.

In the materials and equipment used to make chips, the United States and Japan are at par, with the Japanese gaining. The report shows that, of 25 semiconductor products or process-es, Japan leads in 12 while the United States leads in five, with parity in eight. The chart also shows that the U.S. position relative to Japan is declining in 19 of the 25 categories, including four of the five in which the United States now leads. In six categories the United States is maintaining its position; in no case is it gaining.

The general decline could weaken the entire U.S. electronics industry so that it would no longer be in a position to advance rapidly, but the Defense Science Board's concern is most immediately related to national security.

Even though Japan is an ally, it might not want to sell the latest technology to the United States. This could be because the Japanese do not want to show their best technology to companies that also compete with them in nonmilitary areas. During the Vietnam War, for instance, some allies refused to sell equipment to the United States.

According to the minutes of the Defense Science Board meeting, held last February, the James J. Egan, an official with Aerospace Corp.

• The National Security Agency, which is charged with electronic eavesdropping and

dominates the market. At one point, Kyocera, without warning, discontinued making the ce-ramic package for one key component. Japanese semiconductor companies that also make supercomputers are not supplying their best chips to U.S. supercompoter companies, according to Norman Kreisman, an Energy Department official involved with supercomputers. The machines, the fastest computers in existence, are used for weapons design and code-breaking, as well as for weather forecasting and other civilian applications. Lloyd Thorndyke, the president of ETA Sys-

nications security, buys ceramic pack-

ages for 171 of 195 customized chips from one

Japanese company, Kyocera Corp., which

most advanced components, it was quite likely that the most advanced supercomputers would eventually come from Japan unless the govern-ment helped the U.S. chip industry. • Of 3,000 unique chips needed for the U.S. military space program, 93 are supplied by foreign companies, all but one Japanese, because there is no U.S. supplier, according to

tems, a supercomputer manufacturer, said that,

since supercomputers depended on using the

Indonesia Budget

JAKARTA - President Suharto of Indonesia presented a draft 1987-88 budget on Tuesday calling for austerity mea-sures but projecting that a sharp decline in earnings from oil would be partly offset by a rise in other revenues and for-

ed state finances, austerity measures will be increasingly tight-ened," Mr. Suharto said in an address to the House of Repre-

government expenditures in fis-cal 1987-88. Although this is a 6.4-percent increase over the 86-87 in rupish terms, it repre-sents a sharp fall in dollar terms, to \$13.8 billion from \$18.9 billion in the current fiscal year, because of a 31 percent devaluation in the rupish in September triggered by the fall in oil prices. (Reuters, UPI)

IBM Seeks Chip-Making Consortium New York Times Service She also said that IBM, under or Technology Corp. by the end of

These sources said that execu-

in planning the consortium, "Ab-

IBM's position is important because it is the largest U.S. computer

companies to plan a consortium. Tuesday from Austin, Texas. A consortium spokesman, Bill Stotesbery, said the withdrawals

would have no effect on the group's 1987 research budget of \$75 million. Companies in the group pool their research in areas such as computer-aided design, semiconduc-

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sentatives. He said the budget set a target of 22.783 trillion rupish for

SAN FRANCISCO - IBM, the

biggest American computer company, is drumming up support for a ing to industry sources who interpreted the move as a measure of the precarious condition of the U.S. semiconductor industry,

tives from International Business Machines Corp. had visited chip manufacturers and even competing computer companies to voice worries about the U.S. industry's decline and to lobby on behalf of the consortium. The cooperative venture would be aimed at restoring the ability of U.S. chip makers to compete with the Japanese. Indeed, said one source involved

spokeswoman, said, however, that

sent IBM's push on this thing, I'm not sure where it would be." The source, who sat in on a long IBM presentation, added, "They scared everybody" with their blunt assessment of the industry's problems.

IBM executives declined to be interviewed on this subject. A

the company was supportive of in-

the industry to reverse its loss of

market share to the Japanese.

the auspices of the Semiconductor 1987, officials of the high-technol-Industry Association, a trade ogy research consormen said Tuesgroup, had been meeting with other day. The Associated Press reported

company and makes most of its own chips and would not be expected to rely on outside suppliers. ■ 2 Leave MCC Consortium

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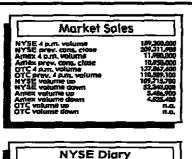
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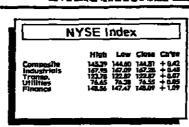
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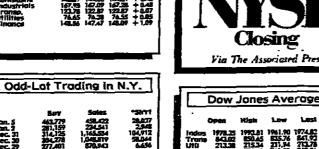
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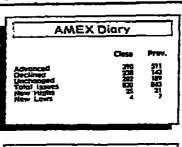
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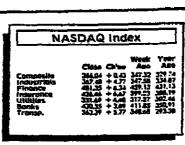


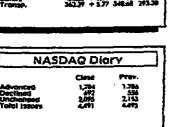


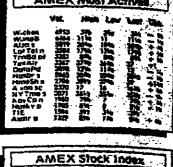


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NYSE Again Rises to Record

NEW YORK — Prices on the New York Stock Exchange continued to rise Tuesday,

pushing the Dow Jones industrial average to its second record finish in two days.

The Dow, which soared 44.01 points Monday for its biggest daily point gain, edged up another 3.51 points Tuesday to 1.974.83.

Trading was heavy, but some of the institutional buying that has powered the Dow's gain sputtered. Profit-taking also kept Tuesday's

Gainers led losers 9 to 7 among NYSE issues traded. Volume rose to 189.3 million shares from 181.85 million on Monday.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index rose 0.42 to 144.81. The price of an average share added 11 cents. A strong bond market and the absence of tax-related selling pressures, which fueled a 75-point gain for the market Friday and Monday, were also factors Tuesday, analysts said. But at mid-day Tuesday, profit-taking in the bond market encouraged a similar move in stocks.

"The market got a little tired on a short-term pasis" in the middle of the session, said Gerald Simmons, managing director in the listed trading department at Smith Barney, Harris Upham. "Some of the buving power has spent Some of the buying power has spent

He said that scattered profit-taking was normal after a dramatic two-day gain. He said investors are positive but cautious. does not a bull market make," he said.

"We started to return to a normalized market today," another analyst said. "There was no news around and nothing to sustain the market in terms of fundamentals. This movement up-ward was based mostly in internal dynamics of the market." He said some of the faltering in the bond market and weakness in the dollar conributed to a slowing in the market's momentum today as some investors recalled interest rate

"This two-day run, the most tremendous move in market history, can't be sustained for-ever," the analyst said. "The market can't light the rules of gravity,"

The market had climbed sharply Friday in fairly light trading, but the advances Monday and Tuesday came on heavy volume.

James Andrews, head of the institutional trading desk at Janney Montgomery Scott in Philadelphia, called the Dow's 75-point gain so far this year "very, very positive for the general market."

He said the industrial average could reach 2,200 by mid-February. A favorable prognosis for President Ronald Reagan's health encouraged investors, analysts

said. But they said a more concrete factor is that money to spend. Navistar was the most active NYSE-listed issue, unchanged at 54. Baxter Travenol followed, rising 4 to 20%.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

ITT-CGE Unit Wins Dutch Contract

Post, Telephone and Telecom-

munication agency said Tuesday that it had awarded a contract for digital telephone switching equip-ment to ITT Nederland BV, a fully in 1985. owned unit of a new joint venture between ITT Corp. and Cie. Genérale d'Eléctricité.

The contract, for annual delivery of 80,000 digital lines in 1989, 1990 and 1991, is part of the Dutch PTT's 20-year modernization drive that started in 1985.

No financial details were made public. The agreement follows PTT contracts with the Dutch unit of Sweden's Ericsson Group and with Apt, the joint venture of American Telephone & Telegraph Co. and NV Philips.

The contract with Ericsson calls for the annual delivery of 100,000 lines and with Apt for the annual delivery of 180,000 lines from 1987 through 1991, a spokesman for the PTT said. He did not make public

The PTT is preparing to change from a public service to a limited

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National Distillers an-

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THE HAGUE — The Dutch 1989 The 1987 government budget granted it 352 million guilders (\$162 million) for telecommunications investments. The figure was 327 million in 1986 and 380 million

> ITT Nederland is a fully owned subsidiary of the Dutch-based Teleglobal Communications NV. which was formed Jan. 1.

With annual revenue of about \$12.5 billion, Teleglobal combines

Westburne Ends Plan To Sell Unit to Dumez

CALGARY, Alberta - Westburne International Industries Ltd. said Tuesday that it has terminated its agreement to sell its United Westburne Industries Ltd. unit to

Dumez SA of France. It said the sale, for 201.3 million Canadian dollars (\$146.2 million), was called off primarily because it did not receive a favorable tax ruling by the Dec 31. deadline for

activities of ITT of the United States and France's state-owned

Apt - for ATT-Philips Telecommunications - has so far received the largest order given by the Dutch PTT. It said last week that it aimed to become the second supplier to the French PTT after CGE's Alcatel unit.

Dutch PTT telecommunications profits in 1986 rose by 43 million guilders to 1.12 billion guilders, the PTT said Monday. Total profits for last year were 1.10 billion guilders as the postal division registered a

■ Apt a Big Winner

Apt said Tuesday it had won an order worth some 400 million guilders for an Indonesian project and a 36 million guilder contract to modernize telephone systems in Peru, Reuters reported from Hilversum, the Netherlands.

Both deals are to be partly financed with Dutch development

COMPANY NOTES

Brunico Ltd., First Pacific Inter-national Ltd.'s joint venture with Prudential Assets Management Asia Ltd., a unit of Prudential Insurance Co. of America, has acmired Dragon Seed Co. and its II department stores for about 200 million Hong Kong dollars (\$25.7

Cement-Roadstone Holdings PLC, an Irish building-materials producer, has acquired King Road Materials Inc. of Schenectady, New York, for \$5.6 million including acquired debt.

China Light & Power Co. is studying a site in the south China province of Guangdong for the possible construction of a pumpedwater storage electric power plant.

General Automation Inc.'s board has approved the acquisition of Parallel Computers Inc., a maker of advanced fault-tolerant computer systems with annual revenues of about \$6 million. General Automation is based in Anaheim, Califor-

General Electric Co. of the United States has won a contract in Dallas from Gibraltar Financial Bangalore for 11 F-404 jet engines Corp. in a cash transaction valued to power the prototype of the first at more than \$50 million.

CURRENCY MARKETS

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PARIS - European Monetary nounced acquisition of U.S. System currencies ended in turmoil Healthcare inc.'s interest in Tuesday as the French franc slid Healthwin, their joint venture combelow its base intervention point against the Deutsche mark despite Memory Protection Devices Inc. heavy intervention.

has completed the acquisition of the assets and liabilities of Bogen, a mostly lower but traded in a nar-In New York, the dollar closed division of Lear Siegler Inc., for an row range as the market waited to undisclosed amount of cash. Memsee if central banks would interory Protection said the cash was vene to support it. being held in escrow subject to "The market tested the dollar compliance with New Jersey's En-

down to see if the Bundesbank vironmental Control Reclamation would intervene, and it did not." the dealer said. "The dollar is now Pengeot Motors of America has raised prices an average of 1.5 pergetting set to break out of its trading range, and the move is likely to cent on 1987 Peugeot 505 models.

creased \$135, or 1 percent, to \$14,160. The top-of-the-line 505 STX's price will increase \$375, or times from the limit at which EMS 1.6 percent, to \$23,750. central banks must intervene to support it. The dollar also rose Shawmut Corp.'s Shawmut Bank NA has bought all the stock of against the franc in Paris, fixed at First Gibraltar Mortgage Corp. of

3695 from 6.3625 on Monday. Dealers said that intervention by EMS central banks prevented a ower fixing for the franc.

London Dollar Rates Closing

Source : Reuters other European trading, below its exchange controls."

EMS floor of 3.3303. lators, by ending the certainty that to the mark on Friday. they could buy francs at a set price. The French authorities against 3.3069 at Monday's early

francs offered. blamed inaction by West Germany rail strike and other labor unrest.

for the turmoil in the EMS.

The Bank of France raised it

mark and not of the franc. It is up

the Halifax Building Society, pays

71/2 percent and was priced at 100%.

Credit Suisse First Boston was lead

Abbey National later brought

out a 7½ percent, five-year issue priced at 100% through Morgan

manager for the five-year issue.

Edouard Balladur to cease support

for the franc. "It is not reasonable to spend our foreign exchange reserves to artificially support the franc when what is happening is speculation which does not concern us," Mr.

Chirac said. "There will be no devaluation of But later the Bank of France the franc," he said. "There is no ended intervention and the franc question of leaving the EMS, and slipped to 3.3310 to the mark in no question of a return to foreign-

The franc was fixed at five Currency traders speculated that successive record lows against the the decision to end support was designed to put pressure on specu-Year period, falling to 3.312 francs

The price of Pengeot's least-expensive model, the 505 GL sedan, in3.312 to the Deutsche mark, and on the West German authorien firm steps over the past week to ties, by forcing them to spend defend the franc, which has been marks on Wednesday to buy up all hit not only by the flight of funds into the mark as a result of the Prime Minister Jacques Chirac weak dollar, but also by a 20-day

The Bank of France raised its He said, "There is a crisis of the money-market intervention rate mark and not of the frame.

to the Germans to take action."

He defended the decision annies in mid-December.

On Monday, the bank raised its

seven-day repurchase rate to 84 percent from 84 percent, following a similar half-point rise on Dec. 30.

Dealers in Paris said the Bank of France sold marks in early Paris and Frankfurt trading and the Bundesbank intervened on the mark/dollar rate, but they declined to estimate the volume of intervention.

London exchange dealers also said the French central bank bought francs for Deutsche marks. In Frankfurt, dealers said some EMS central banks sold marks Thesday to ease tension in the EMS joint float, but they were not aware of any Bundesbank intervention.

The dollar, meanwhile, closed in from 1.9305; at 1.6105 Swiss francs, down from 1.6283; at 158.70 yea, down from 159.30; and at 6.3805 French francs, down

stein Finance BV, Commerzbank to 158.75 yea, from 159.35 Mon-Finance and DSL Bank. In con-day; and to 6.39 French francs

(Reuters, AFP, UPI)

Distillers Corp.

To Sell Almaden

After developing a formula for liquid soap, Minnetonka — named NEW YORK - National Distillers & Chemical Corp. said Tuesday it had agreed in Taylor lives - ran an \$8 million predicting the company's demise. principle to sell the brands and assets of Almaden Vineyards to Heublem Inc., a subsidiary of advertising campaign to introduce Softsoap. It was a big gamble: At RJR Nabisco Inc. The price the time, the company's net worth was only \$8 million, and its annual was not disclosed, but an indussales \$25 million. try source, who declined to be identified, said that it was "well

The risk paid off. From 1979 to 1981, Minnetonka's revenues rose to \$96 million from \$25 million and its stock price soured to \$18.25 from \$1.25. Heady Minnetonka officials forecast that liquid soap would become a \$400 million market, and that Minnetonka would capture \$200 million of that. They

were wrong on both scores.

Close to 100 competitors jumped California, produces and markets Almaden brand table into the liquid-soap market and wines, champagnes and bran-Minnetonka's market share dies, as well as premium wines plunged to under 30 percent. The under the Charles Lefranc Celstock fell back to \$1.875, and com-

(Continued from first finance page) \$50.7 million in 1983. Minnetonka soap that comes in an attractive lost money in both 1982 and 1983.

And because Minnetonka was

And because Minnetonka was fighting such giants as Procter & Gamble Co. and American Home after the nearby town where Mr. Products Corp., some analysts were

To stay afloat, Mr. Taylor cut his work force to 315 employees, from 550. He also reduced the Softsoap bottle to 7.5 ounces (212 grams) from 9 so that it could sell at a lower price, and introduced a bottle with new colors and floral de-

Minnetonka's smaller, redesigned Softsoap recaptured the No. 1 spot, with 38 percent of the \$120 million market.

Minnetonka's second breakthrough product, Check-Up toothpaste, had some of the same probems. Mr. Taylor said the company fared poorly because its toothpaste was not unique and because, unlike liquid scap, it was not a niche catepany sales declined 47 percent, to gory, but a huge one that estab-

Still, the presence of established players in the fragrance industry be whetted — a process that also did not seem to be an obstacle made stores eager to stock the new when Minnetonka developed Ob-

Mr. Taylor, who knew a good deal about fragrances from his in 1985 in one of the biggest frayears scenting hand-rolled soaps, had heard that Calvin Klein was Obsession had \$30 million in disappointed with the success of his fragrance division and was think-ing of closing it. So in 1980 Minneto use Mr. Klein's name for \$1 grances in history. million in cash and stock. Mr. Taylor quickly hired Robin

Burns, director of Bloomingdale's fragrance division, to head Minnetonka's Calvin Klein Cosmetics subsidiary. Together, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Klein and Mr. Barns developed a provocative, sensual new fragrance, Obsession, and a marketing strategy.

The Minnetonka team planned

MINNETONKA: Small Firm Shakes Giant Consumer-Products Industry lished leaders did not want to advertising Obsession for several so that consumers' appetites would

> Then Minnetonka stunned the industry by spending \$17.5 million Obsession had \$30 million in sales in 1985 and was expected to

have \$60 million last year and more societies. than \$75 million this year, making tonka bought the unit and the right it one of the most successful fra-As Obsession moves into Canada, Britain and the duty-free mar- rate borrower was about to issue a ket, Minnetonka officials expect sales to remain above \$60 million a

year. What is more, they talk about both the Halifax and Abbey Naextending the Obsession line, per-tional Building societies launched haps even into some non-fragrance new bonds. The issues were the first products such as accessories or nonsterling Eurobonds ever issued Minnetonka's stock, which is trad- are the equivalent of a U.S. savings ed over-the-counter, has climbed to and loan association. its product introduction carefully. \$19.25, from \$10 early last year.

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advertising Obsession for several months before it became available **Primary Sector Remains Busy**

By Christopher Pizzey

THE EUROMARKETS

fix. That was less than two cen-

Renters

LONDON — The primary sector of the Eurobond market was again the main focus of attention on Tuesday, with a further five Australian-dollar deals being launched along with two nonsterl-ing Eurobonds for British building

Secondary markets sectors were still relatively quiet, although the yen sector advanced strongly amid rumors that a major British corpohuge new bond.

In the dollar-straight sector, even apparel. Thanks to Obsession, by a British building society, which

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Guaranty. Both issues traded comfortably within their 1% percent fees at 1% percent. Five new Australian dollar

bonds totalling 265 million dollars
were launched during the day, from 1,9305: at 1,6105 Swiss bringing to 480 million dollars the total amount raised in the past two

Tuesday's issues were largely for nondomestic borrowers. They included bonds for Philip Morris Cos., Landesbank Schleswig Holsidelined most of the day. It slipped trast, Monday's issues were all for from 6.395. Australian borrowers.

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Tuesday's **Prices** NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York fime. Via The Associated Press

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Japan Builders Accused Of Collusion in U.S. Bids

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New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Japanese companies "may be colluding on construction bids in the United States," leading to a "serious restraint of competition," Senator Frank H. Murkowski, Republican of Alaska, said Monday, citing a letter from a Commerce Department official.

The letter, written last October by the Commerce under secretary, S. Bruce Smart Ir., to Douglas H. Ginsburg, then assistant attorney general for antitrust, said that the Commerce Department had provided "episodic evidence" of such activities by Japanese companies bidding on projects for the Bureau of Land Reclamation, a part of the Interior Department.

"If these allegations are accurate this system of mutual consultation could seriously injure" New York Times Service

"If these allegations are accurate this system of mutual consultation could seriously injure competition in the United States," added the letter, which was disclosed by Senate aides. In an interview Monday, Mr. Smart said the Commerce Department had evidence "some years ago that Japanese companies might have colluded on contracts" for the Bureau of Land Reclamation. "We have no evidence that this has happened in the recent past," added Mr. Smart, who reasserted that the practice "could have an anticompetitive effect."

In his letter to Mr. Ginsburg, now an appeals court judge in the District of Columbia, Mr. Smart said the practice led to the rotation of winning bids among participants in the system.

Kansas Railroad Offers To Buy Southern Pacific

The Associated Press
KANSAS CITY, Missouri — Kansas City Southern Industries Inc. has offered to purchase the Southern Pacific Railroad and asked the U.S. Interstate Commerce Commission to

chase the Southern Pacific Railroad and asked the U.S. Interstate Commerce Commission to block the proposed merger of the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe railroads.

The Kansas City corporation, whose holdings include the Kansas City Southern Railway, did not say how much it would pay for the Southern Pacific, whose value was placed at about \$1.4 billion by Glenn Cameron, an analyst with Moseley, Hallgarten, Estabrook & Weeden Inc. in New York.

The KCSI offer Monday could be a ploy to get an agreement to allow Kansas City Southern to use track owned by Southern Pacific's parent firm, said Herb Buchbinder at Kidder, Peabody & Co. Inc. in Kansas City. Al Mauro, a Kansas City Southern spokesman, said of that analysis:

"We have no response beyond our filing,"

A combination of the two railroads would create a system of more than 15,000 miles—including Kansas City Southern's tracks, which run south from Kansas City to the Gulf Coast, and Southern Pacific's line from Kansas City to California.

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A. Dennis Watson, an ICC spokesman, said the agency had not decided how it would respond to the KCSI request.

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People Express Offers Discounts

NEWARK, New Jersey — People Express Airlines Inc., the new unit of Texas Air Corp., said Monday that it will offer discounts of 25 to 34 percent off its lowest-priced fares from Jan. 10 through Jan. 31. The promotion is designed to boost traffic

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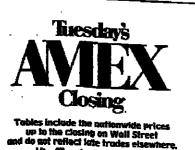
Planned Paribas Sell-Off May Be Set for Jan. 19

PARIS — A public share flota-tion of Cie. Financière de Paribas, the second of 65 state-owned com-panies the government plans to seil to the public, will probably take place on Jan. 19, bank officials said

Investment certificates in the in-ternational financial services company were suspended on the Paris, bourse Monday ahead of the float tion. The group's capital of 2.33 billion francs (\$366.22 million) is made up of 5.83 million investment certificates, a type of nonvoting stock, and 17.49 million shares, all of 100-franc nominal value.

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Software Firm Sues 6, Charges Theft of Secrets

LOS ANGELES — Ashton-Tate Inc., a computer software concern, said it has sued its former chief scientist and five others for alleged theft of secret technology.

The suit, filed Friday in California state superior court, contends the company's former chief scientist, Wayne Rateliff, and the five others took proprietary information from Ashton-Tate to use at their own companies. The suit alleges that Mr. Rateliff threatened in 1985 to leave the company and take his research to a competitor unless Ashton-Tate "submitted to extortionate demands to pay him millions of dollars in royalties and other benefits."

Ashton-Tate's highly successful dBase family of database management programs was pioneered by Mr. Rateliff. The dBase programs, which are used by businesses to handle record-keeping tasks and to analyze lists, account for more than half of Ashton-Tate in January 1986 and operates his own company, Rateliff Software Production in La Crescenta, California. He is a consultant to Migent Corp., a software concern in Incline Village, Nevada. Migent's chairman, Carl Grizznaker, who worked for Ashton-Tate until April 1985, also is named in the suit.

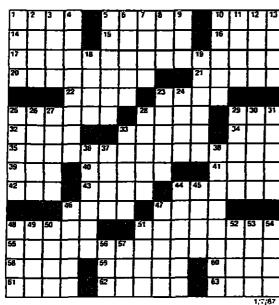
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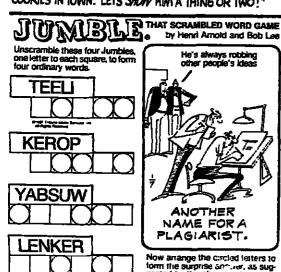
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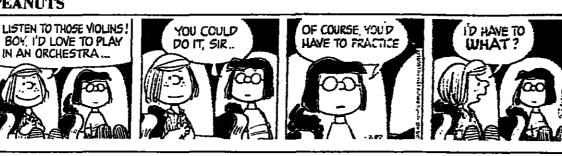
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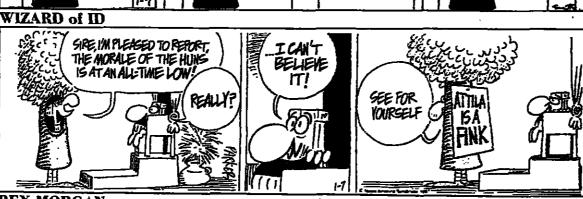


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MISHIMA: A Vision of the Void By Marguerite Yourcenar. Translated from the French by Alberto Manguel in collaboration with the author. 152 pages. \$14.95. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 19 Union Square West, New York, N. Y. 10003.

Reviewed by Bob Halliday

Ton the life and work of Yukio Mishima projects its author's personality and art as strongly as it does those of its subject. Your-cenar is sensitive to Mishima's fanatical fixation on what he perceived as the emasculation of Japan in recent times, his attempts in his own life to adhere to the heroic virtues of earlier times, and the visionary quality with which these obsessions were expressed in his writing. The ritual suicide that brought Mishima to the attention of a public that knew hittle of his books appears to Yourcenar the inevitable culmination of both his literary career and of the personal life he so consciously sculpted and shaped.

Yourcenar stresses the importance of autobiographical elements in Mishima's work. Thus, before starting on the extended discussion of Mishima's principal works that makes up the central portion of the book, Yourcenar reviews the traumatic adolescence which the writer himself transformed into the tormented memoir-novel, "Confessions of a Mask." The erotic intoxication he felt upon first seeing a reproduction of Guido Rem's painting of the martyred St. Sebastian recurs in innumerable metamorphoses throughout his life.

The last portion of the book is the most suggestive. At the center of this meditation on the final phase of Mishima's life is a detailed comparison of as it were two Mishima suicides. The first was the one he commits in the film, "Patriotism," which he adapted from one of his short stories, directed and starred in. The action takes place in the home of a lieutenant in 1936. Although his co-rebels have been con-demand to immediate execution, the lieutenant has been spared because of his recent marriage He cannot accept this special treatment, and with the assistance of his wife commits seppuku. After he is dead, his wife takes her own life. The artistic neatness of this scenario is in-

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voked by Yourcensr "to allow us better to define the distance between the perfection of art, which shows, in the dark or clear light of eternity, the essential, and life with its baffling misunderstandings due to our mabile ity ever to reach, at the right moment, inside beings and to the very bottom of things." Mishima's own suicide is not nearly as clearly definable in its intent. Instead of a young bride, he was assisted and followed in the act by a youthful disciple.

Bob Halliday, who verses frequency about contemporary literature and music, reviewed this book for The Washington Post.

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BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

WINNING the Greater New York Bridge Association's last event of the year, the Regional Swiss Teams, was a group that has been in the forefront in regional tourna-ments for several years — Da-vid and Lisa Berkowitz of Secaucus, New Jersey, and Bob and Jill Blanchard, Drew Casen and Jim Krekorian, all of

When both rooms score 750 nership, because four spades in a team game, the net result is goes down if the dummy is usually zero. But the diaforced to ruff a diamond, And gramed deal from the crucial it would have suggested a good final round carried the Swiss lead, which became of primary winners to victors have a suggested a good final round carried the Swiss lead, which became of primary winners to victors have a suggested a good final round carried the Swiss lead, which became of primary winners to victors have a suggested a good final round carried the Swiss lead, which because of the part-

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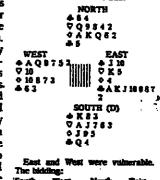
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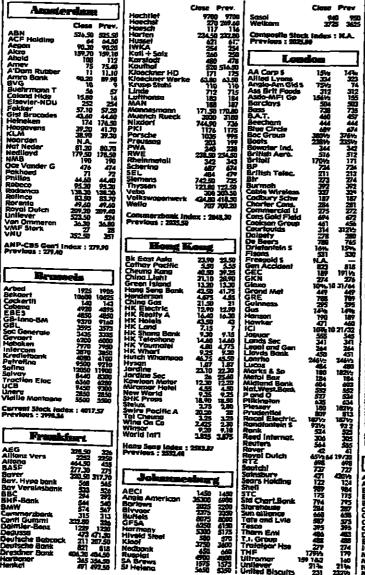
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opened with a weak two-spade won in her hand, crossed to dummy in diamonds and led all the missing trumps, and brought home an overtrick; the club losers were eventually discarded on diamonds.

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Australia IV in Defender Finals; Kookaburra's Protest Is Denied

FREMANTLE, Australia ustralia IV's place in the Ameria's Cup defender finals was asired carly Wednesday after a proest by race loser Kookaburra II ras rejected after nearly seven jours of deliberation.

The ruling by an international achting jury confirmed a 24-sec-and win by Australia IV that put he boat into the best-of-nine-race lefender finals. The winner of the ielender final will race New Zeasand or Stars and Stripes who have qualified for the best-of-seven race hallenger final.

The jury decision to throw out a Kookaburra protest over the use of an unusual balloon-like headsail by 'Anstralia IV ended chances of an

all-Kockaburra final.

Australia IV is expected to meet Australia IV is expected to meet made his move. Flying a huge winte Kookaburra III in the defender's spinnaker rigged as a genniker

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final starting next week. But Kevin Parry, the head of the the Taskforce '87 syndicate that fielded the Kookaburra boats, could still decide to withdraw Kookaburra III from the series in favour of Kookaburra II if he considers the older boat the faster.

After trailing for five legs, Bea-shel overcame a 2:17 deficit by playing the wind shifts with a sail that is a cross between a genoa and a spinnaker. Its use sparked an immediate protest by Kookaburra II.

Kookaburra II upped a 55-second lead on the first beat to 1:33 at the second mark. At the wing mark, down by a hefty 2:17, Beashei

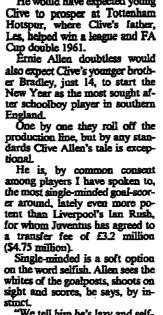
only about two feet from the deck, and with the foot of the sail sweeping below deck level - Australia IV picked up 10 seconds on the

A huge shift on the fifth leg found Australia IV on the upwind side of Kookaburra II as the two boats gibed to the buoy. The shift was so great that Australia IV was able-to slice 1:22 off the lead. Beashel took the lead at the sixth

mark by 10 seconds as Australia IV picked up another 55 seconds on an 85-degree wind shift. Australia IV cut the margin by another five seconds on the fmal

spinnaker leg. Gilmour started a desperate

tacking duel on the final leg, but



LONDON — Dagenham, just east of the London docks, is the

place Henry Ford chose for his

U.K. production line. It is also

where old grandfather Allen be-

gan a remarkable soccer dynasty.

Ernie Allen, the old rooster

himself, is dead now, but he

would not be surprised that Clive,

the eldest of his three grandsons

in the English First Division, is

outscoring everyone in the land.

He would have expected young

"We tell him he's lazy and selfish," admits Tottenham's manag-er, David Pleat. "Clive is unique in the English game. He's short of speed compared to Ian Rush; he doesn't have the ability to outrump people, he doesn't have that clean contact and talent for bring-ing teammates into the game like Nigel Clough of Nottingham For-

What he does have is an inner sense that makes him the coolest finisher I have worked with. With his eyes on the ball, he knows where the keeper is. He can look one way and shoot the other. We go along with Clive's deficiencies. We adjust because, simply, he's the best at doing what he's paid to

Such tolerance is self-imposed.



Bonham Road Produces Another Winner

Clive Allen, left, heading in his 21st goal of the year in a match against Nottingham Forest.

Tottenham deploys the 4-5-1 formation used by teams at the World Cup, leaving Allen the sole out-and-out forward.

He has netted 23 of Tottenham's 36 league goals, and began averaging a goal a game last spring after finally overcoming a persistent ache in his thigh (it baffled specialists, including one who cessfully operated for a her-

Then, hallelujah, a small piece of muscle was found to have detached from the bone. It was removed, and Allen's inhibitions went with it.

He finished last season with eight goals in seven games. Hun-ger is still there, so much so that he recently tossed his boots in a trash can after missing a third goal against Chelsea.

Those boots, he said, were worn through to the toes after 30 games. Ernie Allen might have turned in his grave. His boys shared a pair of boots because his wage as an asphalter (plus £1 a week as a strapping center-half who played Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays) just about fed lionaire residence as coach at Barcelona, grew up in the house op-posite the Allens' in Bonham three sons and four daughters. Clive Allen's is the new world. He scored three times in his debut Road. as a 17-year-old for Queens Park

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managed after playing for Chel-sea and Tottenham. By 19, courtesy of the limatic English soccer market, Allen was

with his third chib and under his ninth manager after twice being sold for £1 million. In the summer of 1980, Arsenal paid a million for him — but 62 days later, without so much as one competitive game from him, dispatched him to Crystal Palace for national team fuliback Kenny Sansom.

Maybe Allen was a pawn in Arsenal's pursuit of Sansom. More likely, his apparent lack of finesse and unenthusiastic training panicked Arsenal.

Jimmy Greaves, born a mile Terry Venables, then the Crysaway, grew into the cheekiest tal Palace manager, had inside knowledge. Venables, now in milgoal-poacher England has ever

and Les hit the jackpot with his Tottenham double. But Clive is the first Allen to follow Greaves, Peters, Brown and Venables all the way from the neighborhood to the full England side. His first taste of internation al soccer came two years ago at

spell in Milan to set a single-sea-son Tottenham record of 37 goals,

Contrary to England's custom-

ary disdain for yesterday's heroes,

Greaves lives on popular memory

and on his wits as a television

End air -all that iron in the cars,

But where the Allens are con-

cerned, it's in the blood. Ernie's

contemporaries say he could have

walked onto a top team if he'd

had the opportunity and the in-centives now enriching his off-

His eldest son, Ron, played among England's best in the

army, but broke a kneecap, Mid-

dle son Dennis played for Charl-

ton, Reading and Bournemouth

Must be something in the East

which is Allen's target.

and perhaps in the diet.

the Maracana in Rio de Janeiro. His cousin Paul Allen, a year younger at 24, is a hardworking creator rather than an instinctive scorer, but he is on the same Tottenham team (his first fame came as the youngest teenager to win an FA Cup medal with West Ham).

regularly as a Queens Park de-And still the family tree bears. Bradley, raised on big brother's exploits and his father's tales of glory, has a few months to decide with whom to place his future. His choice is simple: any club in

Another cousin, Martin, plays

After Bradley? Uncle Ron of the busted knee reckons he has a gifted grandson, a 7-year-old re-bel who runs around in, of all colors, Liverpool's.

And then there's Oliver Thom as Allen - remember, you read it here first. Oliver, 12 weeks old, is the firstborn of Clive and Lisa Allen. A long shot? Granted, but even in the year 2001, it's odds-on that an Allen will be plying the

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NORMAN, Oklahoma — AllAmerican linebacker Brian Bosworth, noted for a fierce playing style and flamboyant personality, has played his last game for the handle for the last game for the last has played his last game for the University of Oklahoma, Coach Barry Switzer said in a terse state
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Barry Switzer's statement: "I have which Oklahoma routed Arkansas, 42-8), it had been widely speculated that Bosworth would pass up his ment issued late Monday.



Sooners Slam the Door on Bosworth

decided it would be in the best inter-Switzer gave no reason for his ests of the University of Oklahoma - walking the sidelines during the one of the greatest players to have ing to get it over with as soon as Jan. I Orange Bowl game wearing a ever performed for the Sooners. I possible," he said.

The instincts and street savvy

Venables picked up there are suc-

ceeding in Barcelona, where inter-

necine intrigues had chewed up

and spat out the best coaching

brains of West Germany, the

And the same Dagenham up-

bringing, the same humor that camouflaged penetrating cun-

ning, is there in another neighbor-

hood old boy, Ken Brown, now

managing parochial Norwich City, which, against the odds, is

up among the giants of the En-

Bonham Road must have been

a boy's soccer paradise. Another

family produced Martin Peters,

whose blind-side runs helped En-

One more? Just a little one:

gland win the 1966 World Cup.

glish League.

Netherlands and Argentina.

remaining eligibility and turn professional. A school spokesman said decision, but it followed Bos- football program that he forgo his Switzer's decision was made with worth's latest controversial action senior season of eligibility. Brian is that in mind. "They were just try-

meant that Bosworth could not letic Director Donnie Duncan said, ported Switzer's decision.

Bosworth finished fourth in the of the race, heavy snow swept the balloting for the Heisman Trophy, course, along with wind and fog. was the Big Eight defensive player of the year and an all-American for Sooners, who led the nation in 1:10.75. rushing defense, passing defense, scoring defense and total defense.
In a preseason Sports Illustrated other girls were unlucky with the

cars at an Oklahoma City General lucker this time than the others."

Motors plant. He later said UCLA Walliser, the 24-year-old defend Known for his controversial state-ments, earnings and multi-colored hairdo, Bosworth drew particularly Valzoldana, Italy, six days later.

said he was "terribly embarrassed"

Walliser Wins. Narrows Gap

On Schneider United Press International

SAALBACH, Austria - Maria Walliser won her second straight Cup season here Tuesday and narrowed the gap on Swiss teammate

WORLD CUP SKIING

Vreni Schneider in the overall Asked if Switzer's statement standings to seven points, meant that Bosworth could not play for the Sooners in 1987, Athweather, and won by almost a sec-That's correct." University Presi- ond on the 1,390-meter (4,560-foot) dent Frank Horton said he sup- course with a time of 1 minute, 09.71 seconds. Half an hour after the start

Switzerland's Brigitte Oertli, who started 22d, finished second in the second season in a row. In 1986, 1:10.66. Rapidly improving Mateja he was the top tackler for the 11-1 Svet of Yugoslavia was third in

article, Bosworth said he had weather. But we cannot conduct learned how to install stray bolts in this sport in a hall ... I was just Walliser, the 24-year-old defendplayed "girls football" after Okla-noma had beaten the Bruins, 38-3. pion, won the season's first super-

heavy fire for his sloganed T-shirt.

An editorial in an Oklahoma newspaper called his behavior "crude.
150 points in the overall standings.
150 points in two more Swiss - Oerdi (113) and by the concern he had caused the Erika Hess (108) - are third and (UPI, AP) fourth

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Television Readership

By Russell Baker N EW YORK — Evidence piles on suggesting that television

encourages people to read. Serious thinkers, you may recall, used to say the tube would be the death of the word, which shows that serious thinkers can be just as wrong as frivolous thinkers when they start telling us what it all means for generations yet unborn.

Their error was demonstrated one morning recently on the Donahne show when the words "obsessed with Michael Jackson" appeared at the bottom of a screen which was otherwise filled with an

I had just turned the set on, the way you do when you're looking for an excuse not to go to work. Suppose they've just discovered Jupiter is on a collision course with Earth. If so, going to work would be rather pointless, wouldn't it?

So I flicked the switch and the female adolescent appeared. Normally I turn off televised adolescents immediately, since it's almost certain they are either going to sing something appalling or whine about the misery of being young. but as I reached for the drop-dead button the words "obsessed with Michael Jackson" appeared.

The young woman apparently spent her waking hours thinking met once in Los Angeles, where he there is no way to know washing presides over a national phone in going on.

The success of Joe Isuzu is being The success of Joe Isuzu is being the control of "cyniabout Jackson, a charming man

Since his urbane, man-of-theworld charm, subtle wit and sophisticated insights into the modern predicament did not strike me as the sort of virtues that leave most idolescents "obsessed," I sat down to hear the case of this unusual girl. Sitting there, I was pleased to think that if I were being televised at that instant, the words at the screen bottom might say "obsessed with obsessed adolescent."

Gradually, though, it became clear that the Michael Jackson who obsessed the poor girl was not ABC radio's Michael Jackson but a youthful crooner of the same name, and off went the telly.

Television relies more and more on these written captions to make itself interesting. The people seen complaining about life's inevitabilities every night on local TV news

growing custom of identifying them in print as "Trate Commute 'Abandoned Wife," "Disgruntled Sanitation Worker," and so on.

One TV news department in Washington specializes in showing film of body bags being removed from scenes of grief and violence. 'This station's news shows could relieve their monotony by putting some literature under the body-bag shots. For example: "Dead of Wife's Bedside Pistol," "Blasted While Robbing Gas Station,

The most exciting advance for TV literature lately has been the arance of Joe Ísuzu, who amiably lies about the cars he's peddling. This is television so literate that it can make no sense at all to people who can't read.

Tangled With Escaped Lion,"

"Hit by Falling Airplane."

It is the TV commercial as a joke about the mendacity of TV commercials. As Joe makes some outrageous claim for his Isuzu cars, written captions at the bottom of the screen say, "He's lying," and then literally spell out the facts after each lie he tells.

The joke and the effectiveness of the commercial both rely on the written messages that correct the lying pictures. If you can't read,

ascribed to the growth of "cynicism" in the TV audience. "Cynicism" was once defined by Am-brose Bierce as "that blackguard defect of vision which compels us to see the world as it is instead of as it should be." The definition is applicable here. Indeed, what Joe Isuzu finally acknowledges is what the TV audience has long known: to wit, that television is an instrument for the promotion of lies.

Now, it says, so much of the audience knows the sad truth that everybody can laugh about it. The question, of course, is, when will the news and the political ad-vertising move into TV's literate future? Surely President Reagan's recent televised efforts to explain his troubles away would have been far more successful if at the bottom

of the screen had appeared the words "Out to Lunch. New York Times Service

A Tempest in a Bordeaux Glass

By Frank J. Prial New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Every year, in late fall, a group of owners of some of the better-known Bordeaux châteaus pack up their bottles and a few shirts and hit the road to plug their products. They call themselves the Union des Grands Crus de Bordeaux because they represent all the classified châteaus, as they are known, in the Bordeaux region. There are several thousand châteaus, but

only 61 hold the classified status. For this year's road show, the fourth since the Union was created, an impressive sampling of 52 of the best-known wines of Medoc, Saint-Emilion, Pomerol, Graves and Sauternes were to be offered at simultaneous tastings on Nov. 28 in Paris, London, New York and Montreal.

As in the past, the tastings, which are held mostly for journalists and wine professionals, were to be coordinated by Steven Spurrier, the Paris and London wine merchant who also runs L'Académie du Vin, a Paris wine school with branches in London and New York. The tasting always marks the public debut of the previous year's vintage, in this case 1985. Interest was high because 1985 had been billed as particu-

larly good.
Suddenly, the program was changed. Pierre Tari, the owner of Château Giscours and the current president of the Union des Grands Crus, announced that the Paris and London tastings had been canceled. It didn't take long to find out what had happened: Bordeaux wines had been bested by some California wines in a comparative tasting in New York, and Tari was in a snit.

The story began 10 years ago in Paris. Spurrier had become fascinated by California wines and was curious to see how a group of them would do against the most famous Bordeaux wines. He arranged a tasting and invited some of France's best-known wine experts. They were not told they would be comparing French and American wines; presumably, they assumed that all the wines were French.



So, last fall, Spurrier repeated the same tasting. The wines were the same, except for the Freemark Abbey, of which none remained. Ten years later, the French fared even worse. The Clos du Val '72 and the Ridge Montebello 71 came in first and second. The Montrose was third, followed by Leoville-Las-Cases, Mouton, Stag's Leap, Heitz, Mayacamas and, last, what must have been a poorly stored Haut-Brion.

The tasters were mostly Americans, but they also included Georges Lepré, sommelier at the Ritz in Paris, and Bartholo Broadbent, the son of Michael Broadbent, the wine expert at Christie's in London. Things might have ended there

had not a reporter, Jean-Yves Nau, written a story in Le Monde, the Paris newspaper, saying in ef-fect that enology had made such advances that fine wines were now made everywhere in the

This was too much for Tari and his group, so they canceled their show. The tastings would be held at some future date, said Philippe Guyonnet-Dupérat, the executive director of the Union, but without the involvement of L'Académie du Vin, which Guyonnet-Dupérat called "a commercial enterprise." "We wish to be free of all commercial influence," he added. In other words, since we don't like

the news, let's kill the messenger - in this case, Steven Spurrier. Even more remarkable was a statement prepared for Le Monde by two Bordeaux proprietors of great renown, Jean-Michel Cazes



A tasting in Bordeaux.

celing the tasting made good sense, they said, because, among other things, Bordeaux-California tastings had become "the favorite diversion of American wine professionals, who use them as a sort of marketing tool."

The two Frenchmen described such a comparison as "a permanent trap" for French wines. "In playing down their losses and bragging about their occasional victories," they wrote, "our Cali-fornia rivals plan to boost their reputation, little by little, to the ghts of the great Bordeaux."

Bordeaux has been winning parts of the overseas market, and certain wineries are in difficulty, Cazes and Prats continued. "The recent fall of the dollar has forced on the Californians the need to reorganize themselves. To do that, it is absolutely necessary for them to contest the supremacy of Bordeaux quality.

competition. This current challenge is more serious, more pernicious, because it is cultural. In reducing wine to a product that can be measured 'scientifically,' these joyless tastings mix the world of taste with that of numbers. The Californians have proved that their wines have body. Have they also a soul?"

What can be said after a bar-rage such as that? Well, for one thing. I was one of the villains in the most recent of "these joyless tastings," and we all had a lot of fun - not because the Califormians won but because it was a facinating intellectual exercise What is more, the other judges continued to speak to me even after it was revealed that I had listed a French wine, Châtean Montrose, first.

Moreover, Cazes and Prats may be wrong. There have been financial problems in California, When the smoke had cleared, of Château Lynch-Bages and Bru-the winner was a Californian, the no Prats of Cos d'Estournel. Can-do the great wines of Médoc fear may go by the board. But the fineit is true. Marginal operations

ly healthy.

Will we be able to say that about Bordeaux? With secondgrowth Bordeaux selling at about \$40 a bottle here, and with very little indication from the Médoc that any break in prices is imminent, how long can it be before the market collapses once again?

Abdallah H. Simon, the chairman of Seagram Vintuers and the most influential of fine-wine importers in this country, recently warned Tari and his Union des Grands Crus colleagues that, unless the prices of their 1986 wines were 25 to 30 percent below those of the 1985s, they would find no buyers here. And the United States represents 50 percent of the sales of some of the most famous wines, such as Lalite-Rothschild

The prices of Bordeaux wines have been increasing at a rapid rate in recent years. Until the dollar began to weaken in 1985, there seemed to be no limit to what Americans would pay. But now the franc is 50 percent more expensive than it was in the spring of 1985, and shipments of Bordeaux wines to the United States have slowed to a trickle.

So, it may not be California's problems that have made the Bordelais so prickly. There is this to say for the French position: They were not consulted before either tasting as to what wines would be used or what rules would be followed. To that extent, they have a right to feel that they were set up. In any event, it's unlikely that Tari's methods will discourage

anybody from comparing Califor-nia and Bordeaux wines. What's more, canceling opportunities to promote your own wines in an effort to punish the competition does seem rather odd. In fact, members of the Union

des Grands Crus came to the United States in November anyway, and, as they usually do, traveled up and down the land promoting their wines. And, as they usually do, the Americans received their French friends warmly. In the end, impassioned rhetontially French as ric is as quantess good wine, and no one, French or American, is going to let one in-terfere with the other.

PEOPLE

Elton John's Surgery Said to Be Successful

Elton John, 39, is resting conf-fortably after throat surgery that appears to have cured a problem that has plagued the singer for several months. The operation went very, very well and is successful," St. Vincent's Private Hospital in Sydney said in a statement. "It is hoped he will not need further sur-gery." Dr. John Tonkin, a throat surgeon, said the British entertainer would not be able to sing for several months. The hospital, at John's request, would not reveal his ailment but a spokeswoman confirmed that the singer had had a biopsy Frankie Vanghan, 59. left a London hospital Monday eight days after surgery for a burst appendix and peritonitis and said he was "deeply upset" to be dropped from his starring role in the musical "42nd Street." The show's executive producer, Helen Montagu, said Vaughan's contract had been terminated because "he was too ill to carry the burden of a big musical."

The "Dallas" star Victoria Principal has sued Joan Rivers for \$3 million, claiming the talk show hostess went too far when she blurted out the actress's unlisted bome phone number on the sir. In the suit, filed Monday in Los Angeles, Principal said Rivers was interviewing the "Dallas" co-star Ker-Kercheval Dec. 15 when she trie repeatedly to reach Principal, intending to ask her "embarrassize questions about her personal and vivate life." As millions watched Rivers announced Principal's nuthber on the air, the suit said, resulting in a flood of calls to the actress

A 195-year-old sample of Madeira wine drew mixed reviews during a tasting to celebrate a wedding anniversary. Napoleon reportedly took the 1792 Madeira with him when he sailed into exile on St. Helena, but it was Jackson Stranck who uncorked the dark amber wine Sunday in Morro Bay, California. "My God, that's dry!" Strauch exdicates it needs a lot more time — I would say a century." Stranch and wife Catherine bought the wine Oct. 23 at a Christie's auction in London for \$467 and poured one, ounce tastes for 12 friends during + their 13th anniversary celebration,

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